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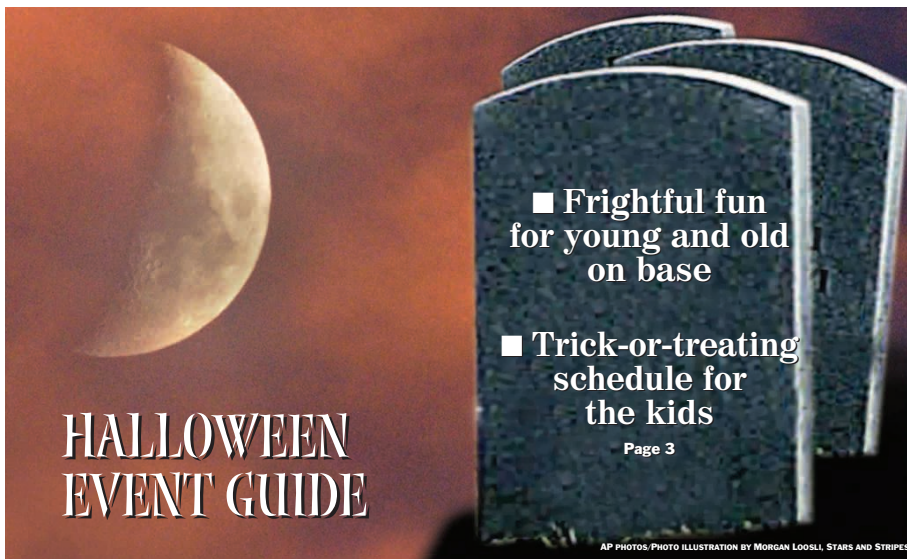
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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**N.Y. airline crash:** The co-pilot of American Airlines Flight 587 caused the November 2001 crash that claimed the lives of 265 people, the staff of the nation's airline safety agency reported Tuesday in Washington.

Investigator Robert Benzon of the National Transportation Safety Board staff said the co-pilot's response to turbulence, seconds after the Airbus A300-600 plane took off from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, was "unnecessary and aggressive."

Both Airbus Industrie, which manufactured the jetliner, and American Airlines, which trained co-pilot First Officer Sten Molin, agree that if he had taken his foot off the rudder pedal, the tail wouldn't have broken off, the plane wouldn't have plunged into a New York City neighborhood.

**Laci Peterson murder case:** Scott Peterson's defense lawyers in Redwood City, Calif., rested their case Tuesday without calling him to the stand.

Judge Alfred A. Deluchi told jurors the prosecution would call eight rebuttal witnesses Wednesday.

After any defense rebuttal to that, the court will not be in session again until Monday, when closing arguments are set to begin.

The jury should get the case by Nov. 3, Deluchi said. Peterson is charged with two counts of murder in the death of his pregnant wife, Laci, who disappeared in December 2002, and the fetus she carried.

**Robert Blake trial:** Robert Blake and his lawyer were not present, but the former "Barrett" star was on everyone's mind as prospective jurors in Los Angeles were screened for a panel that will decide whether the actor murdered his wife.

"Oh, gee?" exclaimed one woman when it was announced that the group was called for the high-profile Blake trial, which could last five months. Many of the panelists sighed and shook their heads.

Blake, 71, will stand trial for murder in the death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley.

## World

**Darfur talks break off:** A second day of peace talks on the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region broke off early Tuesday after rebels called for more time to prepare proposals for a long-term political resolution to the conflict.

Delegates said the African Union-brokered talks in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, would resume Wednesday.

The talks opened Monday with both sides accusing the other of violating a cease-fire re-



**North Korean asylum-seekers:** A Chinese man makes repairs Monday to a damaged fence around the South Korean Consulate in Beijing. As many as 19 people, all believed to be North Korean asylum-seekers, tried to dash into the building Monday, but only three succeeded, a diplomat and a news report said. China called on foreign embassies on Tuesday to stop giving shelter to North Korean asylum-seekers, complaining they are illegal migrants.

peatedly over the last several days.

The United Nations has called Darfur the world's worst humanitarian crisis and said it has claimed 70,000 lives since March, while 1.5 million have fled their homes since 2003.

**Mark Thatcher in court:** Lawyers for Sir Mark Thatcher argued Tuesday in court in Cape Town, South Africa, against an order forcing the son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to answer questions about an alleged coup attempt that failed in Equatorial Guinea.

The hearings Tuesday and Wednesday focus on the legality of the government subpoena of Thatcher, a 51-year-old businessman who has lived in South Africa since 1995. He was arrested in Cape Town on Aug. 25.

**Explosion death toll jumps to 122:** Rescuers pulled more bodies from a coal mine in central China, raising the confirmed death toll to 122 in a massive gas explosion, with 26 miners still missing, the government said Tuesday.

Rescuers were still searching for survivors in the Daping Mine near the central city of Zhengzhou, where the blast occurred Oct. 20, though the government has said there is little chance that any missing miners are still alive.

## War on terrorism

**Sept. 11 terror trial:** Suspected lead Sept. 11, 2001, hijacker Mohamed Atta said he was nervous before the attacks that he was a pilot and wanted to destroy American "symbols," a witness in the trial of a Moroccan man charged with helping the suicide pilots testified Tuesday in Hamburg, Germany.

However, the presiding judge in the retrial of Mouir el Motassaddi questioned the credibility of the testimony by Roger Luetz, a Hamburg restaurant owner, noting that he had earlier given conflicting stories in questioning by police.

**Swedish Gito detainees:** A Swede held for more than two years at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the U.S. military will get financial help from the Swedish government if he pursues his planned lawsuit against the United States, an official said Tuesday.

Mehdi-Muhammad Ghezali, a Swede of Algerian origin, was released in July without charge from the U.S. naval base on Cuba's southeastern tip, where he was one of hundreds held on suspicion of links to al-Qaida or the ousted Taliban network in Afghanistan. He plans to file a joint lawsuit together with other European prisoners who were released this summer, his lawyer Peter Altin, said.

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# Cost Guard frights in exercise against

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Stars and Stripes

**ABOARD THE USS VANDERGRIFT** — Cameras flashed and scores looked on as a team from the U.S. Coast Guard climbed from their rubber boat up the ladder to the deck of the merchant ship American Summer.

It was a little tense. Just minutes before, in a highly scripted decision, the ship had defied orders to stop and tried to outrun the USS Vandergrift.

The captain said he was in a hurry. And no wonder. After a search by the Coast Guard and French and Australian customs officials, clear plastic bottles imprinted with skulls and crossbones were found in the hangar. In the script of the event, the substance was sarin, a weapon of mass destruction.

"It went real quick," said U.S. Coast Guard Ensign Clint Smith. "The captain was a good actor."

The American Summer was, in fact, a Japanese Coast Guard vessel called the Izu, and aboard it were media, dignitaries, admirals, U.S. undersecretary of defense for arms control and international security, and observers from some 14 nations.

All were there Tuesday to see the first live action in Asian waters of mass destruction under a multinational initiative to find and seize such weapons as they're transported by sea.

The exercise, under the Proliferation Security Initiative, was held in Sagami Bay, just north of Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. But everything that was done — with Japanese ships and helicopters; ships from the United States, France and Australia; and a team of Coast Guard law enforcement specialists from Alameda, Calif. — was under the auspices of maritime forces of Japan, which hosted the exercise.

For the people involved on the Vandergrift, however, the exercise was a gift.

"It's fantastic," said Cmdr. David Chase, the Vandergrift's new commanding officer. "Anytime you can go out and operate with nine other ships in formation, it's a good day in the hangar."

There were two parts to the exercise, with the first, involving the Japanese, being the most spectacular. In that portion, the first of the day, the skies filled with seven Japanese helicopters circling over two ships.

"That's a lot of helicopters flying around," Cmdr. Jon Bernard, spokesman for the Kitty Hawk battle group, said as he watched from the Vandergrift.

One ship, the American Summer, was flying a U.S. flag; the other, the Yokohama Autumn, was flying the Japanese flag. A variety of intelligence had it, might be involved in transferring WMD. (Both suspect ships were played by Japanese coast guard crews.)



NANCY MONTGOMERY/Stars and Stripes

**A Coast Guard law enforcement team from Alameda, Calif., prepare to leave the USS Vandergrift to zip over and board a Japanese ship pretending to carry weapons of mass destruction in Tuesday's exercise under the Proliferation Security Initiative. The training was held in Sagami Bay, north of Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.**

boarded the Japanese ship — "fast-roving" in along thin ropes from helicopters onto the vessel, ninja-style.

In the scenario, rehearsed many times, it was determined

that that ship was carrying sarin or a "sarin precursor."

The ship was ordered to Yokohama port, and the next phase of the exercise began.

That was where the Coast

Guard came in. Flown to Japan on Sept. 21 from California, where Coast Guardsmen regularly board and inspect ships from California's Pacific coast all the way to Alaska.

"It adds realism," Chase said of the Coast Guard team's participation.

In an actual interdiction mission performed by the Navy, either Coast Guard law enforcement teams or Navy SEALs usually would be on hand to do the boarding of ships. Chase said. That's in large part because of the Coast Guard's experience in boarding and conducting thorough searches and its familiarity with international laws of the sea that govern which ships in what waters can be boarded. The SEALs would be used in more threatening environments.

A French team from the Vandemaire, then Australian customs officials and sailors from HMAS Arunta followed the Coast Guard aboard the Izu.

The end of the exercise came when the Coast Guard informed the American Summer captain his voyage had come to an end. "We let the captain know we were terminating his voyage because we found sarin gas onboard," Smith said.

What then would be done with the ship and its deadly cargo — which port to take it to, whether the port would accept it and how to get it out — was not part of the exercise.

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# Localalloween frights and delights planned on local bases

Stars and Stripes

Ghouls, ghosts and goblins will pack base housing areas and clubs this weekend as the U.S. military celebrates Halloween.

From a pumpkin-carving contest at Chinabae Naval Base in South Korea to a Naval Base Fun Run on Guam, celebrations are planned Pacificwide this weekend.

With Halloween falling on Sunday, a number of bases are hosting events on Saturday this year. Here's information available for the time about Halloween activities at Pacific bases, check with your base officials for more information; and your trick-or-treat day and times.

## YOKOTA AIR BASE

**Share the spirit:** The 37th Airlift Wing's public affairs office is seeking families willing to share their Halloween traditions with local Yokota volunteers will be paired with similar Japanese families for trick-or-treating Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to volunteer as an escort. Call DSN 225-7338 or e-mail 1st Lt. Warren Cramer at: warren.cramer@yokota.af.mil

**Halloween 3K Race:** Friday, at Yokota Field. Arrive at 6:30 a.m., race begins at 7 a.m. First 400 participants get a free T-shirt; all competitors get a gift. Awards and chance for door prizes. Men's and women's divisions, age groups: 30-39, 40-49, and 50-and-over. Small and large sets will battle for the Squadron Traveling Trophy. Parking at the Killeb Child Development Center. It is a cash race only. Call DSN 225-6870.

**Samurai Cat Halloween Meet:** Friday, 11 a.m.-p.m. Surprise meet. Call DSN 225-6870.

**Friday, Oct. 29** **Yokota Air Force Base:** 5:30 p.m. in the Officers Club and Ballroom. Costumed include pumpkin carving — top prize \$100 and a cash prize. People looking for the apple worth \$500 in club bucks; and costume design — \$250 for men and \$150 for women. Music by Just as Nice. Call DSN 225-6826.

**Halloween party:** Saturday, 8 p.m., Ellisted Club, Ohsawa Ballroom. Free admission. Win prizes for best costumes. Prizes for best costumes. Tests also will be held; categories include best costume, best actor, costume and music creative. Only Air Force club members qualify for prizes. Music by disc jockey. Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

**Xtreme DJ/Karaoke Halloween Band and Costume Party:** Saturday, 8:30 p.m., at Tomorrow's Land, for adults only. Free of \$10 includes three games of bowling, food, prizes and the chance to win prizes. Adult costume contest will be held; top prize is a \$100 cash prize. Call DSN 225-7338 for more information.

**Halloween Party and Costume Contest:** Saturday, 9 p.m.-11 p.m., at Tama Lodge, for adults only. 254 prizes for best costumes. Prizes for best costumes. Tests also will be held; categories include best costume, best actor, costume and music creative. Only Air Force club members qualify for prizes. Music by disc jockey. Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

**Spooky Story Night:** Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Officers Club. Free admission. Prizes for best costumes. Recommended for children ages 10 and older. Call DSN 225-7490 for more information.

**Fifth Annual Kids Halloween Party:** Saturday, 4-5 p.m., at the Officers Club. Free admission for members up to age 15. \$5 each for guests and parents. Prizes for best costumes. Call DSN 225-7490 for more information.

**Costume Contest:** Saturday, 8:30 p.m., with Japanese children at the East Youth Center. Children will take Japanese and American children trick-or-treating around Yokota. Call DSN 225-7422 for more information.

**Halloween Photo Special:** Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Staff Development Center's Digital Photo Studio. Get photos taken in Halloween costumes. 10 photos include string fee. The \$2 print and four wall-size photos. No appointments or reservations needed. Call DSN 225-8133 for more information.

**CAMP ZAMA**  
Contact Camp MWR office for day, times and locations for trick-or-treating.

**CANLUG**  
On Sunday, Marines will host 35 children from a local orphanage for trick-or-treating.

**HAUNTED HOUSE AND PARTY**  
**Haunted House:** Friday through Sunday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at the Seabee Club. In Building 350, 12 of the Marine Air Station Headquarters building, open to all ages. Call 253-5466.

**Harvest Festival:** Sunday, 4-7 p.m., at Penny Lake. Hot dogs, hamburgers, games and treats. Dress in fun — not scary — costumes. Call Carol Nash at DSN 253-5218 for more information.

**Costume contest:** Sunday, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Seabee Club dining room. Children, 11 years and younger can compete for prizes: \$25 first place, \$20 second place, \$15 third place.

**Halloween celebration and costume party:** Sunday, 6-11 p.m., in the CPO club Silver dollar room.

**SASEBO NAVAL BASE**

**Running Scribe 3K Walk/Run:** Thursday, 6:30 a.m., at the Fleet Fitness Center. There is a costume contest. All invited. This walk will be full of trick-or-treat stops. Sign up at 5:30 a.m. to receive a glow stick. Sign up no later than 5:30 a.m. to receive a glow stick. Sign up no later than 5:30 a.m. to receive a glow stick.

**Kids Monster Bash Costume Tournament:** Friday, 6 p.m., at the Spawing Time Bowling Center. Everybody who enters is a winner. The event is a 9-hole No Tap Tournament. Age groups: 4 and younger, 5 through 11, through 13, through 14, through 15, through 16, through 17, through 18, through 19, through 20, through 21, through 22, through 23, through 24, through 25, through 26, through 27, through 28, through 29, through 30, through 31, through 32, through 33, through 34, through 35, through 36, through 37, through 38, through 39, through 40, through 41, through 42, through 43, through 44, through 45, through 46, through 47, through 48, through 49, through 50, through 51, through 52, through 53, through 54, through 55, through 56, through 57, through 58, through 59, through 60, through 61, through 62, through 63, through 64, through 65, through 66, through 67, through 68, through 69, through 70, through 71, through 72, through 73, through 74, through 75, through 76, through 77, through 78, through 79, through 80, through 81, through 82, through 83, through 84, through 85, through 86, through 87, through 88, through 89, through 90, through 91, through 92, 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# Iwakuni MCXs to see big jump in gasoline prices

By GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

At Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, the cost of a gallon of gasoline is to rise from \$1.63 to \$1.94, and a gallon of diesel fuel from \$1.50 to \$1.13, on Friday. The prices are to be in effect for a year, base officials said.

"We basically obtain our fuels from the same sources at the same cost as AAFES and NEX," said Dale Smith, Iwakuni's Marine Corps Community Services director.

"It's been the procedure to survey prices in the United States each fall, and we buy fuels based generally on averages paid in the United States."

"Then our prices to customers are based on our cost for the fuel, operating costs and some small amount of profit," Smith told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday afternoon.

MCX is the administrative organ for many base retail and services in the U.S. Marine Corps. One of those entities is the Marine Corps Exchange, which is similar to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Navy Exchange Command. The Iwakuni MCX is the lone Marine Corps exchange operating on a base outside the United States.

Marine posts on Okinawa are serviced by AAFES when it

comes to most retail needs, including fuel. AAFES and NEX in the Pacific already have and raised gasoline and diesel fuel prices.

Iwakuni's MCX is the last to follow suit.

"It goes into effect Friday, and I want to make it clear that when it goes into the profit make ... and I'll admit we make a small profit on selling gasoline ... we cut the margin by 7 percent this year trying to keep the prices down as low as possible and still make what we need to make," Smith said. He declined to say exactly what the profit mark-up is.

AAFES earlier announced plans to keep fuel prices consistent with those in the United States. Each month, AAFES will increase its fuel prices by 10 cents per gallon until it reaches the Department of Energy's previous four-week average.

"But we aren't doing it that way," Smith said. "This is the price until we adjust next year at the same time. If prices go even higher, we'll stay where we are. Indications are they should go higher."

Base residents will feel their wallets lighten, even though it is not much of a surprise.

Melody Smith is the registrar at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School. She said the hike in cost per gallon is not an overriding

concern of hers.

"The prices have been going up in the United States, so I just assumed it would also go up here, too," she said. "However, of course, I don't like it that we must pay more. But if it's that way in the States, it just makes sense."

Smith also takes the price hike in stride. He said most people in

Iwakuni spend, on average, about \$30 per month for gas. With the price increase, they would pay \$70.68 more per year or \$5.89 more per month, he said.

"There are numerous items we pay that much for without a second thought; it's a meal at Burger King," Smith said. "If you think about it, a guy goes out in town

and buys a beer in a club, and that amount will pay for about one beer."

He noted all profits generated by MCX go back into programs and events that benefit the base community, allowing some activities to be offered without charge.

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## Halloween: Base festivities

HALLOWEEN, FROM PAGE 3

**Charity Halloween Costume Run:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the paved bridge parking lot near the Kintai Bridge. The run will include the Hikari no Sono (Garden of Light) Organizing in Hiroshima, and is sponsored by Iwakuni White Snake Hash House Harriers. Run starts at 2 p.m. Cost is 1,000 yen or \$10 per person; all proceeds go to the orphanage. This is an estimated 4K run or walk with beverages and snacks to follow. Register by writing [iwakuni@ststripes.com](mailto:iwakuni@ststripes.com), so correct quantities of supplies will be available.

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**Halloween Carnival:** Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Andersen Youth Center. "Stripes the Clown," a bouncy castle and other indoor and outdoor games. Call DSN 336-3403 for more information.

**Adult-only Halloween Party:** Saturday, 6 p.m., Top of the Rock Club. Call DSN 336-0106 for more information.

**The Naval Security Forces Honored House:** Through Sunday, 6 p.m., 38 North Tipling Housing. Call the MWR office at DSN 336-0106 for more information.

**NEX Costume Parade:** Saturday, 11 a.m. Navy Exchange of Guam Naval Base. Registration is 10-10:30 a.m. Participants can be from 10 to 20 years old for more information. Call DSN 332-3243 for more information.

**Pre-teen Costume Dance:** Friday, 6-9 p.m. for ages 10-14 at the base Teen Center. Free for boys and girls club members. \$3 for others. South Korean Air Force youth participants receive transportation. Call Public Affairs at DSN 312-3143 for more information.

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**Full Festival Day:** Saturday, 5-9 p.m. at No. 30 North Tipling Housing. Costumes are welcome and encouraged. Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons can enjoy an evening of treats and games. Call the MWR Office at DSN 364-1851 for more information.  
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# U.S. Forces Japan ready to help quake victims

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Forces Japan officials said they have supplies on hand to assist Niigata Prefecture with earthquake relief efforts but await word from the Japanese government on how they can help.

Items they could send include blankets and tents, said USFJ

spokeswoman Capt. Richelle Dowdell.

"We're waiting to see what they specifically are going to need from us," she said Tuesday.

In the event provisions are requested, USFJ officials don't know if they would be delivered by military aircraft or trucks, Dowdell said, noting it depends on whether airports or roads into the hard-hit areas are open.

"We're just standing by, waiting to assist," she said.

Michael Boyle, a spokesman with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, said officials there expect to hear from the Japanese government this week about disaster assistance, "as quickly as they can fully assess what they have and what they need, if anything," he said.

Although it's been several days

since the first deadly quake and series of powerful aftershocks jolted Niigata on Saturday, Boyle said both countries learned from the 1995 Kobe earthquake — which killed more than 6,400 — the importance of providing the right assistance to the right place at the right time.

"I think that's what everybody is doing at this point," he said. Mil-

itary officials "don't want to send tents if that isn't useful. They want to send water if that's what they need."

"The Japanese are very capable and they have a lot of resources themselves," he said, explaining that since Kobe, people are more prepared to respond to such large-scale disaster situations.

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## Exercise: Sniffing out WMDs

EXERCISE, FROM PAGE 3

For the Coast Guard, Tuesday's making is a plum assignment. Making it especially interesting, Smith said, was "that we're working with an international force and learning the different ways the different coast guards conduct boardings." Coast Guardsmen did not, however, carry their standard weapons assortment: Pistols, batons, pepper spray and handcuffs were not allowed in the exercise.

Tuesday's drill was the 12th of its kind since September 2003, when the United States led 14 countries to form the PSI. The effort now has the support of 60 nations, according to the United States.

Although the exercise largely was to have different agencies train together and practice their skills, it also served as "a useful deterrent to companies that otherwise might be tempted to do business with proliferators like North Korea," according to remarks made last week by John Bolton, U.S. undersecretary of state for arms control and international security.

Bolton was aboard the Izu on Tuesday, leaving by helicopter when the exercise concluded.

Although the 7th Fleet is expected to focus more this year on efforts to determine which ships are carrying what in Asian waters, most of the Vandegrift crew had not been briefed on Tuesday's exercise.

But the Vandegrift has done interdictions before. In 2003, in the Straits of Hormuz, Vandegrift crews under United Nations' mandate boarded tankers, cargo vessels and "anybody who came from Iraq," said Lt. j.g. Nick Nordvall. Almost all the ships cooperated and nearly all were "just merchant guys trying to make a livelihood," Nordvall said.

The Coast Guard team, though, is tasked primarily with visiting and boarding ships for a variety of reasons, and not everything they find is benign. Smith said a team he once was on found some 100 people being smuggled into the United States on a ship flying no flag near the California coast. Petty Officer First Class Mike Aguilera said a team he was on found \$27,000 on a 20-foot sailboat in San Francisco Bay owned by a foreign national without the proper papers.

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# Parliament OKs Sharon withdrawal plan

BY GAVIN RABINOWITZ  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon scored a historic victory Tuesday when lawmakers approved his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank next year.

It was the first time the parliament authorized the removal of Jewish settlements from lands the Palestinians claim for a state.

The vote was 67-45, with seven abstentions, and marked a complete break from Sharon's long career as a champion of the settler movement.

The parliament has 120 members, but one legislator was absent due to illness. The vote means Sharon will avoid a national referendum on the issue that was demanded by hard-line opposition parties.

Sharon won with the help of dovish opposition parties. Many members of his center-right coalition, as well as religious opposition parties, voted against him.

Just before the vote, a key member of Sharon's coalition, the pro-settler National Religious Party, threatened to quit within 14 days if Sharon did not pledge to hold a national vote on the issue in coming months.

Four Likud ministers — Benjamin Netanyahu, Limor Livnat, Yisrael Katz and Danny Naveh — voted for the plan and then immediately demanded Sharon accept the NRP ultimatum or they would resign from the government.

Sharon entered parliament Tuesday afternoon, surrounded by 16 bodyguards, an unprecedented number. Outside, police cordoned off the building and restricted entry as thousands of settlers gathered in a nearby park to protest the plan. Protection for Sharon has been beefed up in recent weeks amid growing concern he could be attacked by right-wing extremists.

The vote came on the nine-year anniversary according to the Jewish calendar, of the assassination of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an extremist Jew opposed to his peace efforts.

The withdrawal plan has bitterly divided the nation and solidified Sharon's transformation from longtime patron of the Jewish settlers to their No. 1 nemesis.

In other developments, a weakened Yasser Arafat broke his Ramadan fast at the urging of his doctors, who found that he was suffering from a gallstone. The gallstone is not life-threatening and can be easily treated, a Palestinian hospital official told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Sharon opened the parliament debate Monday, defending his plan as the only way to secure Israel's future.

"This is a fateful moment for Israel," he declared in a speech that was repeatedly interrupted by hecklers.

"We have to do this, despite all decrease hostility, and will lead us forward on the path to peace with the Palestinians."

Sharon told lawmakers that supporting the withdrawal, which will uproot 8,800 settlers from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements, was the most difficult decision of his long career.



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# Timing of Iraqi weapons theft in dispute

BY MARK MAZZETTI  
AND MAGGIE FARLEY  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The White House has acknowledged that nearly 380 tons of powerful explosives are missing from a weapons facility that American forces failed to guard following the U.S. invasion of Iraq, but downplayed the significance of the finding.

The timing of the theft was in dispute. One Pentagon official said that when U.S. forces advancing toward Baghdad reached the Al Qaqia military facility in early April 2003, the weapons cache was

already gone. He suggested Americans never had a chance to safeguard the material, which had been labeled and was being monitored by U.N. weapons inspectors.

"It had already been looted by the time U.S. forces went through there," said a senior Defense official. "When the troops went in, they never saw anything that was tagged."

Some cast doubt on the Pentagon's claim. Given the size of the missing cache, it would have been difficult to move undetected before the U.S. invasion, when U.S. spy satellites were monitoring activity at sites suspected of con-

cealing nuclear and biological weapons.

"You don't just move this stuff in the middle of the night," said one former U.S. intelligence official who worked in Baghdad.

Iraqi officials reported to the International Atomic Energy Agency — the U.N. monitoring group — earlier this month that the explosives were looted after April 9, 2003, when U.S. forces entered Baghdad.

IAEA officials verified the explosives were still at the site and under seal in January 2003, the last time the inspectors were there.

The IAEA had been monitoring the ma-

terial — known as HMX and RDX — as part of the U.N. inspections program following the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Asked if U.S. troops were ever ordered to guard the facility, where Saddam built conventional warheads and where the IAEA dismantled parts of his nuclear program after the Gulf War, one Defense official responded, "Not that I'm aware of."

Officials at the White House, State Department and Pentagon insisted that 380 tons of stolen material are not a nuclear threat, noting that roughly 400,000 tons of munitions collected throughout Iraq have either been destroyed or are in U.S. custody.



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## Allawi: 'Negligence' led to ambush of Iraqi soldiers

BY TYNI TRAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister blamed U.S.-led coalition forces Tuesday for "great negligence" in the ambush that killed about 50 American-trained soldiers, and a U.S. airstrike in Fallujah killed an aide to Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the military said.

An Iraqi insurgent group, meanwhile, said on a Web site it had taken 11 Iraqi National Guard soldiers hostage.

They were seized on a highway between Baghdad and Hillah, according to the Internet posting by the militant group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army. The posting included the names of all 11.

The authenticity of the posting could not immediately be verified. The movement claimed responsibility for a number of attacks and hostage takings, including the kidnap and murder of 12 Nepalese, who were seized in August.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi blamed the coalition for poor security in Saturday's ambush about 95 miles east of Baghdad.

"It was a heinous crime where a group of National Guards were targeted," Allawi said. "There was great negligence on the part of some coalition forces. It seems

there was sort of determination on doing Iraq and Iraqi people harm."

The attack on the soldiers, who were returning home on leave, occurred on a remote eastern highway when their buses were stopped by insurgents at a fake checkpoint, police and defense officials said.

Some of the bodies were found in rows — shot execution-style in the head, the Defense Ministry said. Other bodies were found on a burned bus nearby.

Allawi told the Iraqi National Council: "You should expect an escalation in terrorist acts."

The U.S. military said the early-morning raid in Fallujah struck a safe house used by al-Zarqawi's group. U.S. forces have stepped up aerial and artillery assaults on Fallujah in recent weeks in an attempt to root out insurgents.

Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, fell under rebel control after the Bush administration ordered Marines to lift their three-week siege of the city in April.

The United States has offered a \$25 million bounty for the capture or killing of al-Zarqawi, whose group has claimed responsibility in numerous suicide bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages, including three Americans.

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# Bush to ask for up to \$75B in war funds

## Request would push cost of Iraq, Afghanistan to \$290 billion since 2001

BY ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to ask Congress a request early next year to finance wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and operations against terrorism that could reach \$75 billion, congressional aides said Tuesday.

A proposal of that magnitude would indicate that the wars' costs, particularly to battle the intensified Iraqi insurgency, are far exceeding what the Bush administration said it was expecting early this year.

White House budget office spokesman Chad Kolton said administration officials were only starting to assess what is needed to pay for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

"There is literally no way to ascribe a final figure to what we will request," he said.

The Iraq war's price tag has become an issue in the presidential race, with the Democratic candidate, Sen. John Kerry,

saying Bush has mismanaged the fight and diverted billions of dollars that could have been spent for schools and other priorities.

Bush has defended the war as a needed part of the campaign against terror.

"Incompetence has a cost," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a written statement. "This war has been a hideous mistake that has diminished our reputation in the world and has not made America safer."

Kolton said the Pentagon has enough money to support U.S. troops well into the spring, adding, "We'll make sure they have what they need to get the job done."

The fresh request would be on top of \$215 billion that lawmakers have provided since 2001 to wage war in Iraq and Afghanistan and begin rebuilding those countries, according to White House figures.

Taken together, a \$290 billion total would be nearly half the \$623 billion cost of the Vietnam War and almost half the \$613 billion U.S. costs in World War I, using dollars adjusted for inflation.

Several congressional aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they believed the coming request would exceed \$50 billion and could reach \$70 billion or

\$75 billion. Others said they think the White House will compress the figure before it is completed.

One aide said the Army, the main fighting force in Iraq, believes it will need \$6 billion annually for the next three years for deferred maintenance and to replace and repair destroyed and damaged equipment. It also wants \$5 billion to \$10 billion for extra troops and equipment needed to fight the war and to reshape its force structure.

According to its latest figures, the Pentagon is spending an average of \$4.4 billion monthly in Iraq and \$769 million in Afghanistan. Assuming no reduction in U.S. forces or operations in either country that would equate to more than \$62 billion in the 12 months.

The Bush administration began insisting this year that it would not request additional war money until early 2005. White House budget chief Joshua Bolten said \$50 billion might be the "upper limit" on next year's war spending.

## Freelance jailers are appealing convictions

BY AMIR SHAH  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three Americans convicted of torturing Afghans on a freelance counter-terror mission will appear in court later this week to appeal the decision, a senior official said Tuesday.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett were sentenced last month to 8-10 years in jail after a trial that embarrassed U.S. and NATO forces and sowed confusion about America's role in the war-shattered country.

Gen. Abdul Fatah, a senior Afghan prosecutor, said Idema had asked at a closed-door preliminary appeal hearing last week for more time for his lawyer to arrive and to arrange a translator, and that the appeal was set to start Saturday.

"We told him that was OK," Fatah said, adding that authorities hoped to prevent a repeat of the accusations by Idema and his lawyers during the first trial that the process was a sham. "This guy is a bit of a troublemaker."


Idema, the group's leader, Bennett, his right-hand man, and television cameraman Caraballo were arrested on July 5 when Afghan security forces raided a house in downtown Kabul and discovered eight Afghans who said they had been tortured.

Idema, a 48-year-old former soldier from Fayetteville, N.C., insists they were tracking down terror suspects including al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in close cooperation with U.S. and Afghan security forces.

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# Rights group calls for abuse probe

BY ROBERT BARR

The Associated Press

LONDON — Amnesty International on Wednesday renewed its call for the United States to set up a thorough, independent investigation of the abuse of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, in Afghanistan and at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The organization denied that it was seeking to influence the U.S. presidential election with its 200-page report, but expressed disappointment that the issue had not been prominent in the campaign.

"We feel that this is the last chance to get it on the agenda of the candidates," Amnesty International spokeswoman Theresa Richardson said in London.

"This is not an attempt to influence the election, but it is an issue of such importance that we felt should be on the agendas of both presidential candidates."

Richardson added that six

months had passed since the photographs from Abu Ghraib were first shown on U.S. television.

"It's taken this long for us to pull this report together," she said.

The organization noted it had first called in May for an independent investigation, perhaps by the U.S. Congress.

The report called for a commission with subpoena powers and full access to secret information and agencies. To insure impartiality, the commission should include international experts, it said.

Short of such a full inquiry, Amnesty International urged the U.S. government to unequivocally condemn torture and ban it by legislation, ensure access to prisoners, abolish secret detentions, ratify relevant international treaties and pay reparations to victims.

"Although... military investigations have shown that alleged U.S. abuses have not been con-

fined either to Abu Ghraib or to a few soldiers, there remains a need for a full commission of inquiry that takes a genuinely comprehensive and independent look at the U.S.'s war on terror' detention and interrogation policies and procedures, and examines the activities of all government agencies and all levels of government," the report said.

"Full accountability is crucial."

Three U.S. soldiers have been sentenced to prison terms of between eight months and eight years for abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib. Two more soldiers are due to stand trial early next year.

However, the highest-ranking soldier indicted so far is Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, who received the eight-year sentence.

No senior officers have been charged so far, although several have received letters of reprimand or were relieved of command.

In a report that drew heavily on investigation already undertaken by U.S. authorities, Amnesty accused the United States of tolerating abuses of prisoners in its war on terror and falling short of the standards it routinely applies in criticizing other governments.

"The photographs of torture and ill-treatment of detainees in Abu Ghraib prison did not come out of the blue, but followed numerous allegations of abuse in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay raised with the U.S. authorities over the previous two years by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Amnesty International and others," Amnesty International said.

"When it suited the U.S. government's aims in its buildup to the invasion of Iraq, the administration cited Amnesty International's reports on torture in that country. When the alleged abuse involved U.S. agents, its response was denial and disregard for the organization's concerns," the report said.

## U.S. may up Iraq force, paper says

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Pentagon planners are considering options to boost troop levels during the planned elections in Iraq in January that include delaying the departure of some units, what speeding up the deployment of others, according to an article Tuesday in USA Today. The paper said the increase could be around 20,000 troops.

Pentagon officials would not confirm details of the considerations, but they acknowledged that "contingency planning" was under way for the election period.

"There is ongoing planning related to troop levels and security requirements during the election period," a Pentagon official told Stars and Stripes. "It is a germane issue to the combat commander."

The combat commander is Gen. John Abizaid, head of the Florida-based U.S. Central Command, which has operational responsibility for Iraq.

However, "it would be inappropriate to speculate what might come out of this planning process, because there's a variety of conclusions that can be reached," said the official, who asked not to be named.

The "easiest option" would be to keep the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq beyond its expected January redeployment date and move up the deployment of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, the USA Today story said.

Other choices include using U.S. troops now posted to Kuwait, or bringing units from the Army's 82nd Airborne from Afghanistan, where they have been helping provide security for the recent elections there, the story said.

Abizaid told a Senate committee in September that he would like to have as many as 160,000 troops on hand in Iraq during the election period, which is to select the group of Iraqis who will write an official constitution for the country.

Those elections are supposed to be held before Jan. 31.

Abizaid told Congress he would prefer the additional troops come from coalition partners. But the Bush administration has had problems convincing other countries to contribute additional troops.

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# Justice's illness makes Court an election issue

BY ALLEN PUSEY

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — With barely a week to go before the presidential election, the U.S. Supreme Court announced Monday that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

The 80-year-old chief justice was admitted Friday to Bethesda Naval Medical Center near Washington where he underwent a tracheotomy and treatment, according to a brief statement issued by the court.

Although he is expected to be in his customary seat at center bench when the high court returns from a brief recess on Monday, the news has propelled the issues of age, health and the upcoming presidential election into an uncertain view of the future of the court.

"I think that it's unfortunate that a health problem should have to occur to make it so, but I think this raises the saliency of the court as an issue," said C. Boyden Gray, a former high-level legal adviser in two Republican administrations.

"It's not been on the front-burner. With issues like war, terrorism, and the economy it's hard to get it into the top five, I guess. But the future of the court should be up there with them," said Gray.

"The chief justice's health may have helped focus the issue, but the question is: how sharp is the focus?" said Dennis Hutchinson, a professor at the University of Chicago Law School. "I think it's something that just whiffs by most people."

Supreme Court justices, like all federal judges, are appointed for life. The only way a justice can be removed is by resignation or death or impeachment. Still, their durability as humans and viability as justices have been an occasional issue in the some-

times-volatile 225-year history of the court.

Until Monday's revelation, the chief justice had done everything he could to discourage persistent speculation that he wanted to leave the court.

His staff has been hired through 2006. In small gatherings, he talked about future projects. In his well-received histories of the court, he often ob-



Rehnquist

serves the longevity of historically important justices — leaving unspoken the fact that he is currently the eighth-longest serving justice in history and rapidly moving up.

Still, at 80 questions of age and health have become more persistent. And despite the chief justice's efforts to discourage it, speculation about his departure from the court — along with others — has been persistent with each new term.

He is the fourth justice on the current court to be diagnosed with cancer. Justices John Paul Stevens (prostate), Ruth Bader Ginsburg (colon) and Sandra Day O'Connor (breast) have each had to undergo treatment for the disease.

Rehnquist is one of two now older than 80, one of eight above the retirement age of 65. Only one among his colleagues — Justice Clarence Thomas — was born after World War II.

"Chief Justice Rehnquist has had health problems in the past," said Robert C. Percival of the University of Maryland School of Law. "It's well-known that back problems force him to occasionally leave the bench to stretch. But I don't think that anyone questions his ability to think and participate fully in the court's business."

## Cingular purchase of AT&T gets federal OK

BY JENNIFER C. KERR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission gave its approval Tuesday to Cingular Wireless LLC's \$41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless Services Inc., completing the federal regulatory blessing necessary for creation of the country's largest cell phone company.

The move follows Monday's announcement that Justice Department antitrust regulators approved the deal. Both agencies attached conditions to ensure there is adequate competition in different markets.

"We believe our conditions, combined with the benefits to the consumer experience brought by Cingular's new scale and scope, will ensure the public interest is served by this transaction," said FCC Chairman Michael Powell.

The two Democrats on the five-member commission dissented in part to the merger, saying they're concerned the loss of AT&T Wireless could have a negative impact on the wireline market.

Under the FCC plan, the companies will not be allowed to merge in 16 markets and must divest themselves of assets in six additional markets.

## Malvo pleads guilty to sniper killing, receives life sentence

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va. — Teen-age sniper Lee Boyd Malvo struck a deal Tuesday in which he avoided the death penalty and was sentenced instead to life without parole for a second of the 10 sniper slayings that terrorized the Washington area in October 2002.

Malvo, 19, is already serving a life sentence for one of the killings.

On Tuesday, he was sentenced for the killing of Philadelphia businessman Kenneth Bridges. Malvo entered what is called an

Alford plea, in which he admitted the government has enough evidence to convict him.

Last year, Malvo was convicted but spared the death penalty for the murder of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, who was gunned down in a parking lot.

Malvo's lawyers agreed to drop all appeals connected to the Franklin killing, as part of the deal covering the Bridges slaying.

Still, Malvo could face the death penalty elsewhere in Virginia, as well as in Alabama and Louisiana. His partner in crime, John Allen Muhammad, was sentenced to death.

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# Presidential candidates still trading attacks

## Sen. John Kerry says president hides bad decisions; Bush asks Democrats to cross over

BY MARY DALRYMPLE  
AND CALVIN WOODWARD  
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Democratic candidate John Kerry accused President Bush on Tuesday of hiding bad decisions and raised the specter of bad news still to be revealed. Bush invited Democrats to cross over to his campaign as it began its final week, arguing that their party was no longer needed to help him survive and resolve.

Kerry said a stream of bad news coming out of Iraq showed the Bush administration glossing over the reality of the situation there.

"Mr. President, what else are you being silent about? What else are you keeping from the American people?" Kerry said in Green Bay.

While Kerry campaigned on the east side of Wisconsin, a state Bush barely lost to Al Gore in 2000, the president sought votes from Democrats as well as Republicans on the west side of the state.

In Onalaska, Bush said Kerry had chosen a path of "weakness and inaction," putting himself "in opposition not just to me, but to the great tradition of the Democratic Party."

"The party of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and John Kennedy is rightly remembered for confidence and resolve in times of war and in hours of crisis. Senator Kerry has turned his back on 'pay any price' and 'bear any burden,'" Bush said.

The president also renewed his contention that Kerry would raise taxes in a way that would cripple small businesses "to pay for all the new spending he's proposed."

The Massachusetts senator pressed his case that Bush has bungled and misled on the Iraq war and national security crises generally.

"When the president is faced with the consequences of his own bad decisions, he doesn't confront them, he tries to hide them," Kerry said. "The truth is, President Bush isn't leveling with the American people about why we went to war, how the war is going, or what he is doing to put Iraq on track."

And Kerry broadened the attack to declare, "Just as he has been warned about his mistakes in Iraq, George Bush has been warned time and time again about the vulnerability of our homeland security."

Calvin Woodward in Washington and Deb Riechmann in La Crosse, Wis., contributed to this report.

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# Colo. ballot may alter electoral vote system

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON  
The Associated Press

DENVER — A federal judge Tuesday left it up to the voters to decide on Election Day whether to change the way Colorado distributes its electoral votes for president.

U.S. District Judge Lewis Babcock dismissed a lawsuit that challenged a proposal on next week's ballot that would alter the

Electoral College system in Colorado. He said that it is state issue and not a federal one, and that he lacked jurisdiction.

The measure would scrap Colorado's winner-take-all system for distributing its nine Electoral College votes. Instead, presidential candidates would be awarded a share of the electoral votes based on their proportion of the popular vote.

The change would begin with this year's

presidential contest — potentially complicating the election if the race between President Bush and John Kerry is close.

Forty-eight states distribute their electoral votes on a winner-take-all basis. The exceptions are Maine and Nebraska, which dole out their votes proportionally, selecting two electors by a statewide vote and the rest according to the winner in each congressional district.

Fort Collins businessman Jason Napolitano argued that the Colorado ballot measure was unconstitutional, saying only the Legislature has the power to change the state's Electoral College system.

State officials responded that Coloradans should be allowed to vote on the measure before a court decides whether it is constitutional. Napolitano said he would not appeal, because "I don't want another Florida."

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## Edwards criticizes Cheney 'success' remark

MINNEAPOLIS — Sen. John Edwards on Tuesday assailed Vice President Dick Cheney for claiming Iraq was "a remarkable success story" and argued that the Bush administration is out of touch with the reality of the false threat.

"Eleven hundred American soldiers have lost their lives, more than 8,000 have been wounded. Terrorists are flowing in. Americans are being kidnapped. We see beheadings on television. The costs are now \$225 billion and counting. And, knowing all of this, yesterday all Dick Cheney could say was that Iraq is a remarkable success," Edwards said at the University of Minnesota.

## Koch says he'd 'give my life' for vice president

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Campaigning in the area that was ground zero for the Florida recount, Vice President Dick Cheney teamed up Tuesday with former New York Mayor Ed Koch.

Koch, a Democrat and fervent supporter of the Bush administration in the war against terrorism, said the vice president is a man "I would give my life to" to protect.

"You can depend on him. You can depend on George Bush," Koch told several hundred cheering supporters at a rally in Palm Beach County.

## Remake of 'Monster Mash' bashes Bush

WASHINGTON — Just in time for Halloween comes a new version of the 1960s hit "Monster Mash" — this time an Internet critique of the Bush administration's environmental policies.

The new version, a flash video called "Monster Slash," features the original singer, Bobby "Boris" Pickett, taking President Bush to task for policies to promote logging and mining.

"He and his friends cut the forest down," Pickett sings as animated figures of Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other administration officials dance with a chain saw, hatchet and scythe.

"He did the slash," Pickett continues in a reworking of the familiar chorus. "They did the forest slash... It was brutally bash."

In less than a week since its release, the song has already generated more than 100,000 unique visitors to a special Web site, www.monsterslash.org, according to its sponsors, the Campaign to Protect America's Lands and Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund.

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MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	#5SPNews Pacific Report	Everybody Loves Raymond 'Gold' for it's Ray and Robert argue	W&A Grace Will takes Marilyn for a stroll. (CC)	The Bachelor (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 'Coming of Rage' A teenager is beaten to death at a construction site. (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 'Coming of Rage' A teenager is beaten to death at a construction site. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-Alt	(5-30) Guiding Light 60 Minutes II (CC)	General Hospital Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Aaah! Real Monsters (E) (CC)	The Weekenders (E) (CC)	Yu-Gi-Oh! Shadow Games	In the Mix (CC)	
8	SPORTS	#4/100 Sports	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	#SportsCenter	Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (CC)		
9	SPORTS	#4/100 Sports	#SportsCenter		#Sports					#Baseball Tonight	#Totally NASCAR	
10	SPEC	The Simpsons Marge saves Homer's thumb. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Dora and Nathan are jealous. (CC)	One Tree Hill 'The Games That Play Up' Dan pushes Lucas and Nathan to their breaking points. (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)		
11	AFN-HM	Homer's Thumb (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	That's So Raven All That	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)		
12	AFN-MV	Hot Shots (CC)	That's So Raven All That	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
13	TMC	'Avalanche' (1999) PG-13 (CC)	That's So Raven All That	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
14	PBS	Zoo's Tale Zai is hurt in racing (DVS)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
15	SHOW	'The Substance of Fire' (1998, Drama) Ron Rifkin, Sarah Jessica Parker, Tony Goldwyn. A lyrical production of three offspring rebel against their father. (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
16	A&E	'Confidential' Kansas City. The first of a series of films about the city's history. (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
17	DISC	To Be Announced	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
18	TFC	(1:15) Maala-ma Ma Keya (in Tagalog)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
19	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
20	GOLF	PGA Championship Highlights (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
21	TLC	'Clean Sweep' They Were in Stitches' Jury verdicts. (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
22	TOON	Samurai Jack (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
23	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Traveling Africa on foot. Steve Irwin's one of the most dangerous animals. (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
24	COM	Women on Top Ridley's role in entertainment.	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
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26	FOX	Remington Steele 'In the Saddle of the Night' A private investigator is killed after a party. (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
27	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Top 10 Countdown'	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
28	COURT	NYPD Blue 'Raging Bull' Racial tensions between NYPD and Hispanic peoples. (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
29	STR-UD	The Simpsons (CC)	The NewsHour (CC)	The Practice 'The Cradle Will Rock' A couple is charged with murder for not taking their ill son to the hospital.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Friends The Ugly Rugby Guy may be dead. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's method of obsessing over a woman. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)			
30	LIF	The Golden Girls A wealthy bachelor meets a widow. (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche's teacher goes to Africa. (CC)	'Childhood Sweetheart?' (1997, Drama) Melissa Gilbert, Barbara Babcock. Ron Kray. My story surrounds the reappearance of a long-missing woman. (CC)	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30
31	ABC-FM	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'	'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless' 'The Young and the Restless'
32	HIST	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'Jet Engines' Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)
33	STR-W	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack	(6-30) "The Curse of the Jedi" (2001) Comedy Woody Allen, Andy Ryack
34	ADV I	Total Adventure	Wien Shan, Extreme Skiing	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
35	MTV	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Direct Effect	Choice or Lose: Hip Hop Politics With P. Diddy	Making the Video 'Emmin' Emmen	One Bad Trip: A girlfriend goes un- dercover.	One Bad Trip: A girlfriend goes un- dercover.	True Life 'I'm a Jersey Girl' Jeri Jennings' True Life 'I'm a Jersey Girl' Jeri Jennings' True Life 'I'm a Jersey Girl' Jeri Jennings'	Room Raiders 'Makin' the Video 'Gwen Stefani' Gwen Stefani	Makin' the Video 'Gwen Stefani' Gwen Stefani	Legends of the Hippie Times
36	NICK	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants	Justice Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants

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7:30 Top News from Around the World  
8:00 World News Hour  
9:00 World News Hour  
9:15 MLB: World Series: Game #4: Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals

**Afternoon**  
1:00 Enjoy Life: Animals  
1:30 ABC News  
2:00 PBS NewsHour  
3:00 CNN News  
4:00 World News Hour

**5:25 ABC News**  
**Evening**  
5:00 **MLB: World Series: Game #4:**  
Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals (7)  
5:30 **History of FIFA (4)**  
10:00 **BS News**  
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11:00 **BS News**  
11:30 **Economic News**  
12:16 **PGA Golf: Charlz Schwab** Chap.  
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1:45 **Football Mundial**  
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3:20 **Midnight Sports**  
5:50 **PBS NewsHour**  
6:40 **Asian News**  
7:00 **Top News from Around the**

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9:50 Aerobics  
10:00 Classical Music: Orchestra Lib-  
erata Classica  
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3:00 U.S. Movie (1978): Neil Simon's  
California Suite (1:45)  
**Evening**  
7:00 NHK News  
8:00 U.S. Movie (1985): Witness  
(1:55)  
12:00 The Directors: The Films of Ron  
Howard  
1:00 U.S. Movie (1994): It Could Hap-  
pen to You (1:45)

**JAPAN TV**

**Morning**  
6:45 Between the Lions (3)  
7:30 Disney (12)  
**Afternoon**  
1:30 British Movie (1992): The Mirror  
Crack'd from Side to Side  
G-601/315

3:30 Japan National Athletic Meet  
Rugby (3)  
5:50 News (6)  
**Evening**  
7:00 NHK News (1)  
8:00 Famous Families (42)  
9:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Double Team  
(154)(12)  
10:00 News (1)  
11:55 MLB World Series (taped)(6)  
1:35 Football CX: Serie A/Pre-  
mier/Liga Digest (8)  
2:08 NFL Club (4)  
2:38 Code Name: ETERNITY (4)

**VOWOW**

**Morning**  
7:30 Oswald #33  
10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The Advent-

**Afternoon**  
12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation  
3:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The Tuxedo (1:45)  
5:30 Oswald #33 (r)  
**Evening**  
12:15 South Park #95  
2:10 Pro Boxing: IBF Light Heavyweight Title Match (r)

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**MTV**  
**Morning**  
6:00 Wake Up  
7:00 M Size Wednesday  
8:00 Top Choice  
10:00 Pure Music  
11:00 Top Choice  
**Afternoon**  
12:00 Live: Blue  
12:30 Rock Am Ring: Avril Lavigne  
1:00 Movie Special: Collateral  
1:30 True Blood

2:00 Pure Music  
 3:00 Top Choice  
 4:00 Top Choice Selection: Pop Star  
 5:00 Top Choice  
**Evening**  
 6:00 M Size Thursday  
 7:00 YATAI  
 8:00 Newllyweds  
 8:30 Top Choice  
 9:30 M Size All Request  
 10:00 Newllyweds  
 10:30 consensus: Travis  
 11:00 Screa  
 11:30 Pure Music  
 12:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry  
 2:00 M Size Thursday  
 3:00 M Size All Request

**RADIO SPORTS**

**Morning**  
9:00 MLB: World Series Game 4 — Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals





## Immigration mess

**CO** DENVER — Federal officials are investigating the region's top immigration officer, who is allegedly involved with the estranged wife of a man under threat of deportation.

Mario Ortiz, head of immigration in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, is under investigation, said Sharon Rumery, spokeswoman for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's Northwest region. She declined to elaborate.

But an attorney for Jon Vaupel, 42, an Australian citizen, said a private investigator has corroborated her client's claims that Vaupel's wife has a relationship with Ortiz.

It was unclear what, if any, policy or law Ortiz would be violating with a relationship with the man's estranged wife.

## E-Z Pass on through

**VA** RICHMOND — Virginia is merging its SmartTag automated toll system with the E-Z Pass system used in many other East Coast states. The two systems will become compatible Wednesday, state transportation officials say. SmartTag and E-Z Pass give drivers with prepaid accounts transponders to attach to their cars so a toll can be automatically deducted without stopping.

## Skydiving nightmare

**IL** TAYLORVILLE — A parachute that had opened prematurely became tangled in the tail of the plane the skydiver was jumping from, killing the man and forcing everyone else aboard to jump before the aircraft crashed.

One jumper received minor injuries Sunday in the central Illinois accident, in which the Cessna 206 spiraled to the ground from 10,000 feet.

The accident near Taylorville, about 25 miles southeast of Springfield, involved six members of the Mid-America Sport Parachute Club, according to Taylorville fire Capt. Mike Crews.

The plane crashed a quarter of a mile west of Taylorville Municipal Airport. No one on the ground was hurt.

## Bear hunt over quickly

**MD** OAKLAND — Maryland's first bear hunt in 51 years started — and surprisingly ended — in a day.

As of 8 p.m. Monday, 20 dead bears had been registered at Department of Natural Resources checking stations, according to the DNR kill tally hot line. Officials then called a halt to any more killing.

Calling the one-day harvest rate "overwhelming," and expressing concern that allowing the bear hunt to continue a second day would exceed the 30-bear limit, the DNR refused to allow the hunt to continue.

The hunt in western Maryland was scheduled to last six days. The first kill, an 84-pound female less than a year old, was claimed by David Ciektot, a freelance outdoor writer from the Eastern Shore. Ciektot, 35, said he probably will have the bear mounted.

"It's a pretty neat thrill. It's pretty historic to get the first one



in Maryland in modern times," Ciektot said. He added that he wasn't bothered by the animal's small size.

## Mines on the ballot

**MT** HELENA — Mining is such a major part of Montana's legacy that the words "gold and silver" in Spanish are still emblazoned on the state seal.

But mining's golden days are long gone. The industry has diminished over the years amid declining prices and tougher environmental rules, and now accounts for only about 3 percent of Montana's economy.

The mining industry hopes a Nov. 2 ballot measure will change that. Voters will decide whether to loosen environmental restrictions on how companies can mine for silver and gold — a proposal that supporters say will send a message to the mining industry that Montana is open for business again.

Critics contend the measure will leave the state vulnerable to catastrophic water pollution.

At issue is whether companies should be allowed to use cyanide in their mining operations. The process involves rinsing piles of crushed rock with cyanide, a potent chemical that percolates through the rock and draws out small deposits of gold or silver.

## Cool front off the lake

**NY** SYRACUSE — A group of community leaders are



## Amazing feat

A woman photographs an all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee as it moves up the side of a 30-story skyscraper in New York, to showcase its performance, style and off-road capability.

proposing a plan to cool the city's buildings with water pumped from the bottom of Lake Ontario. The water would be used to remove heat from air-conditioning systems. It would save millions of dollars in energy costs, officials said.

## Fast-food shootings

**WI** WEST MILWAUKEE — Two employees of an Arby's fast-food restaurant were found shot and killed in an apparent robbery, police said Monday.

Police Chief Eugene Oldenburg said the victims were discovered around 11:30 p.m. Sunday by an off-duty assistant manager who had passed by with a co-worker and thought the lighting appeared unusual.

Names of the victims, a 24-year-old woman and a 17-year-old boy, were not immediately released. Autopsies were planned.

"It appears to have been a robbery," Oldenburg said, but he did not disclose details.

## No challengers this time

**KY** LOUISVILLE — Republicans will not post challengers at voting sites in Jefferson County, the state's most populous county, on Election Day. County GOP chairman Jack Richardson IV said he made the decision because the party has arranged to have two Republican election officers at nearly every voting site. Last year, Republicans' decision to station challengers at predominantly black precincts stirred charges that the party was trying to intimidate voters, although the challengers didn't question anyone's eligibility.

## Flu shot hold-up

**OH** COLUMBUS — Some low-income children may have to wait for their flu shot because of questions whether doctors will be reimbursed through Medicaid. The state health department recommends that doctors give the flu shots they've purchased from drug makers to privately insured patients who are considered high risk. Health officials say the state can't guarantee doctors reimbursement through Medicaid because of the national flu vaccine shortage.

## No gambling rush

**NV** RENO — In response to citizen opposition to a string of proposed neighborhood casinos, Reno and Washoe County officials decided to impose a six-month moratorium on hearing applications for unrestricted gambling licenses. Officials want to give their staffs time to develop a regional approach to the issue of neighborhood casinos.

## Trade in that boombox

**DC** WASHINGTON — The city's public works department staged a semiannual electronics recycling event in Rock Creek Park.

Residents of the district, northern Virginia and suburban Maryland brought obsolete computers, televisions and stereo equipment. The event was aimed at preventing the items from being discarded with regular solid waste and sent to landfills.



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## Relaxing retreat

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Benjamin Smith, 5, left, and his brother Gabriel, 9, work hard for their treats at Colby College's Children's Halloween Extravaganza in Waterville, Maine.



**Soggy pumpkins** Some of the participants in an Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest show their creations 25 feet beneath the sea's surface in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary about eight miles off Key Largo, Fla. The wacky event was the brainchild of a local dive resort. Participants were judged on design originality, steadiness of carving hand and scuba skills.



**Childish fun** Jason Rolland, a sophomore from Grand Forks, N.D., pedals to the finish line as Sydnee Vrana, a sophomore from Redding, Ca., assesses the bent front wheel of her bike during a race as part of homecoming events on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks, N.D.



**Figuring it out**

Students from Meadowview Elementary School make their way through a corn maze in Abingdon, Va.



**Tough rides**

Bikers wait in slow-moving traffic at sunset in Daytona Beach, Fla., during Biketoberfest 2004.

## Preparing for the worst

**IL** WEST CHICAGO — Hundreds of emergency responders participated in a commuter train training drill. Volunteers pretended to be killed or wounded when a bomb exploded on a Metra train. Many emergency personnel were unaware that the explosion was staged until they reached the scene. The National Transportation and Safety Board will evaluate the drill.

## Lawyers get the boot

**CO** DENVER — Twelve district attorneys across the state will be out of a job after November because of term limits. Bob Grant, who has served three terms as Adams County DA, says the departures are bound to hurt the justice system. In January, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled district attorneys are subject to a 1994 constitutional amendment on term limits.

## Bad for business

**HI** HONOLULU — Despite a strong economy, Hawaii is still ranked among the worst states in which to do business.

The Tax Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., has ranked Hawaii last among the 50 states in its annual State Business Tax climate index. Hawaii is 49th in a separate report ranking the public policy climate for small business and entrepreneurship.

The two surveys ignore each state's economic performance.

But Hawaii economists and business owners say the strong economy should not be used as an excuse to relax efforts to improve the business climate.

## Hate law too broad

**GA** ATLANTA — The Georgia Supreme Court unanimously struck down the state's hate crimes law Monday, saying the measure is so broadly worded that it could even be used to prosecute a rabid sports fan for picking on somebody wearing a rival team's cap.

The 7-0 ruling came in the case of a white man and woman convicted of beating two black men in Atlanta.

It is the first application of the 2000 law, which called for up to five extra years in prison for crimes in which the victim is chosen because of "bias or prejudice." Forty-eight states have hate crimes laws, but Georgia's was the only one that did not specify which groups qualified for protection.

## Train emergency drill

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## Heir strikes a plea

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — New York real estate heir Robert Durst pleaded guilty Monday to two federal gun charges stemming from his time on the lam in a Texas murder case.

Durst allegedly had two .38-caliber revolvers in his rental car when he was charged with shoplifting a sandwich at a grocery store near Bethlehem on Nov. 30, 2001. At the time, he was on the run in the Sept. 28, 2001, killing of Galveston, Texas, neighbor Morris Black.

Durst pleaded guilty to the interstate transportation of a firearm while a felon and while a fugitive.

The plea deal calls for Durst to be sentenced to nine months in prison and two years supervised release.

The judge didn't explicitly accept the sentence outline in the deal, but he indicated he was likely to. If he seeks to alter the sentence at a sentencing hearing Nov. 29, Durst could withdraw the guilty pleas.

## Class-size lawsuit

**TX** AUSTIN — Some teachers groups sued Monday to prohibit Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley from allowing schools to end the 22-student class size limit for kindergarten through fourth grade.

The groups, including the Texas Federation of Teachers, are concerned that a recent letter written by Neeley to school district superintendents is an attempt to weaken a state law that limits class size to 22 students per teacher in those grades.

The law allows school boards to seek waivers to the 20-year-old law. But the decision to seek a waiver generally must be considered as an item on a school board agenda, giving the public an opportunity to offer input before the board takes a public vote.

## Nature preserved

**ID** MURPHY — Ranchers, local government leaders and environmentalists reached agreement Friday on preserving a half-million acres of wilderness in southwestern Idaho's lonely but spectacular high desert.

There were no dissents in the working group's adoption of the plan that has been under negotiation for the past three years. The Sierra Club and People for the Overbores abstained.

But the deal could end years of conflict between resource users and land preservationists. U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo believes it can set a precedent for future resolution of public land management disputes not just in Idaho but across the country.

## Bad notes

**NV** LAS VEGAS — A deaf student is suing the Nevada university system, claiming assigned note-takers hurt her chance to get good grades.

Lezlie Ann Button seeks in the civil rights lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas to remove from her transcripts low marks from the Community College of Southern Nevada and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The case focuses on federal disability requirements that schools provide reasonable services to help students with disabilities receive the same education as other students.

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## OPINION

# Sinclair's anti-Kerry broadcast blurs lines

**BY CHRISTOPHER HANSON**  
**S**inclair Broadcast Group's attempt to force an anti-John Kerry propaganda film onto prime time was the latest example of a disturbing trend: ideological programming that blurs the old distinction between news and opinion.

Conservative Fox News Network's "Fair and Balanced" slogan, for instance, belies a news operation that many see as anything but. While Bill O'Reilly's show boasts that it is a "no spin zone," it is well within the GOP's comfort zone most of the time.

For its part, Sinclair has required its 62 TV stations to run pro-Bush commentary provided by company headquarters. Reporters who have left the network complain that news stories were edited to reinforce themes of the commentary — for instance, the dubious claim that we are making significant progress in democratizing Iraq.

Most flagrant was Sinclair's directive — later modified because of howls of protest — to its stations to run a program based on the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor: Wounds that Never Heal," 11 days before the election (the program aired Friday night in prime time, but on fewer stations). Produced by Kerry opponent Carlton Sherwood, the film casts the Democratic presidential nominee

as a treasonous liar whose anti-war testimony in Congress in 1971 prolonged the torture of American POWs in North Vietnam.

That charge is preposterous on its face, yet Sinclair proposed airing it as a "news" segment.

One of the central responsibilities of journalism is to separate fact from opinion in order to inoculate the voter against misleading propaganda, as media critic Walter Lippmann pointed out in the 1920s. But the trend toward ideological journalism does exactly the opposite, making it easier for falsehood to masquerade as fact and for voters to cast ballots based on false assumptions. Some conservatives dismiss complaints about Sinclair as the hypocritical whining of liberals who refuse to admit that other broadcast TV networks have a pro-KKK agenda.

"It's hardly an abuse of public trust ... for Sinclair to present an alternative view of Mr. Kerry's much-ballyhooed days as an anti-war protester," the conservative Boston Herald declared in an Oct. 15 editorial. "The other side of the story has been told ad nauseam ... What half-tuned-in voter can't picture ... Lt. Kerry ... talking about the 'last man' dying for a mistake?"

Nonsense. There is a huge difference between presenting multiple sides of a news story and purveying the absurd allegation that

young antiwar activist Kerry single-handedly prolonged the Vietnam War and thus the torture of American POWs.

Not to mention that the three major networks' record this year is hardly pro-Kerry. NBC, CBS and ABC reported heavily on claims of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth that Kerry did not deserve some of his medals and had been sent stateside because of an unintentionally self-inflicted wound. Only after the damage was done did the mainstream media follow up to report that these charges were groundless.

Every reporter has biases and makes mistakes. But that is a far cry from Sinclair's unbridled electioneering.

Consider Dan Rather, the conservatives' No. 1 whipping boy. He might well have displayed bias, recklessness and incompetence when he relied on forged documents in a recent report on Bush's Air National Guard absenteeism. But Rather apologized when he realized he had been duped. He is at heart a reporter who wants to get the facts right, not a propagandist.

Sinclair, by contrast, only climbed down when the "Stolen Honor" flap began to hurt the network financially. Its stock was falling in value, shareholders were on the warpath, and Wall Street analysts were predicting the company had undermined its hopes of buying even more stations.



Partisan, ideological media have fared well in talk radio and cable TV, where the audience is small and self-selected. But Sinclair is a broadcast network. Its audience is large, geographically and demographically, and many viewers reacted with disgust to the planned documentary, spooking sponsors. Critics correctly blame sensationalism and other news media ills on commercial pressure. But


here was a case in which market forces had a healthier effect. Let's just hope the folks who favor broadcast deregulation think long and hard before allowing Sinclair to buy more stations. Sixty-two propaganda mills is a more-than-adequate monument to this media company's lust for influence.

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## Bush critics don't let facts get in way of good story

**G**eorge W. Bush is a religious fanatic, it's said. He isn't. The man has never admitted making mistakes, critics claim. That's false. He has been strident in his dealings with Democrats, it's alleged. No,

**Jay Ambrose**



the Democrats have been strident in their dealings with him. This president has his faults, but the critics have exaggerated them to the point that some in the country are reportedly seeing therapists for fear Bush will be re-elected.

 I don't question that they should get help, if in fact there's a way of restoring people to common sense following a deluge of propagandistic twaddle. But their trepidations should never be confused with sober reactions to reality. Where Bush is bad, he is not so bad as alleged, and John Kerry is mostly worse, an opportunist whose own views are so slippery that just about the time you think you have a grip on one it has squirmed out of sight and a new view is being dangled before your eyes.

The people who call Bush a religious nut, for instance, cannot cite any words to verify the claim. My guess is that they are largely ignorant about what their similarly religious neighbors are like — thoroughly decent people who harbor no theocracy-imposing plans. The critics certainly weren't listening when Bush said in the third debate that it's not instructions he receives from God when he prays. It's strength and calm, which is not so worrisome a thing for a wartime president to have.

Careful listeners in that third debate also found Bush agreeing that he has likely made mistakes. What he refused to do — to the dis-

appointment of his political enemies — was pull out a guillotine and put his neck where the blade would fall. He did not say he was wrong in his decision to invade Iraq or in other major decisions in the war on terror. Have I missed it, or has Kerry gone around saying he has messed up big time on a variety of fundamentally important issues?

Bush is a divider, we are told, only he is not the one who has been incessantly on the attack. Visit the words of Sen. Ted Kennedy someday, or those of Al Gore even before we arrived at this election year, or of Tom Daschle, Senate leader of the Democrats.

What you will find with Kennedy and Gore is character assassination. Daschle has been more political, but has gone far beyond anything that Bush or others in the White House have ever said in return.

I am not supposing Bush a saint. His spending — as exemplified in a farm bill and Medicare prescription-drug bill — is outlandish. Glance Kerry's way, however, and

you see someone eager to dig his hands deeper in taxpayer pockets so that he can spend still more on largely wasteful programs. Bush's much-maligned "tax cuts for the wealthy" don't come close to bringing us down to the lesser proportion of income taxes the wealthy paid several decades back. The reductions have helped stimulate an economy that was in decline prior to his election and that now boasts an unemployment rate that compares favorably with what was obtained during most of the Clinton years.

I wish Bush were more articulate, that he had met with the press more during his first term, that he had more often come out to talk to the American people as an adult to fellow adults, that his administration had managed the war in Iraq better, that his attorney general had been less heavy-handed on occasion, that he had not caved on a campaign finance measure that lessened free political speech in this land.

Add all of that up, and throw in more, and you still get nowhere close to the demon he is portrayed by Democrats as being, and meanwhile you have left out a lot, such as his resoluteness in the face of what is likely this era's greatest challenge — terrorism — and his underreported effectiveness in getting a high percentage of his proposals through Congress. It's a better record, a Brookings scholar found, than compiled by any president since Lyndon Johnson.

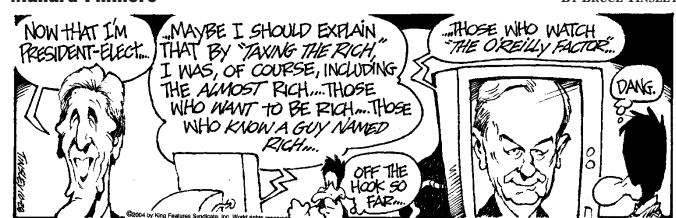
"To err is Truman," it used to be said about another president, Harry Truman, whose popularity was sea-level low in his last term in part because of a disliked war in Korea. Years passed and he was re-evaluated, and, guess what? — in retrospect, we can see that in many ways he was exceptional.

Bush will likewise recover from the worst being said about him, I suspect, whether he wins or loses on Nov. 2.

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BY BRUCE TINSLEY

## Mallard Fillmore



# Horoscope

Love planet Venus dances into Libra, where it will remain until Nov. 22 of this year. Venus rules Libra (and Taurus, too) and is as comfortable transiting through this realm as we humans are when we put on our favorite pair of jeans. Romance that's worth pursuing is easygoing, harmonious and a nice all-around fit.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Oct. 28). You are accepting of others and of yourself this year and will attract success that eluded you before — you're no longer getting by on your own. People trust you and want you on their team. This makes finding lucrative work easy, and by January, you'll probably be doing something different for money. Romance is a breeze with an Aries or Cancer.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

It's easy to get overwhelmed and caught up in what will soon come to pass. Give what is needed now, and let the future take care of itself.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Some people believe that you shouldn't try to change other people, but isn't change sort of the point? Otherwise, what are we learning from one another? You will be changed by interacting with powerful and interesting people.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You'll probably run into exactly the person you don't want to see. Life's little coincidences may seem unfair at the time, but later, you're glad for them.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

There's a chance to start an old relationship in a fresh direction (whether it be your relationship with a person, money or work). Getting clear on guidelines and making new policies is favored.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There is one person in your realm who isn't looking for help so much as an

excuse to push your buttons and create some drama — a smoke screen for the real issues this person is going through. It's best to avoid this person.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You desire immediate victory, even though common sense tells you that you've still got plenty of dues to pay. Every step in life comes with its own set of requirements that must be followed to get to the next step.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Listen before talking. Think before acting. If you follow these two rules, your day turns out fantastic, with lots of little surprises in store.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You'll have questions to how much power to give up. Stand on principles instead of worrying about what has more authority. In love, be open-minded.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

When boredom strikes, be willing to look at yourself in mirror; decide what it is you really want. You appreciate good intentions but shouldn't settle for less than you expect in a love relationship.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A limitation is ultimately what moves you to the next level. Focus on what makes you so special. Your domestic situation is shifting, becoming more calm and organized.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It's time to reinvent yourself for your own entertainment but never because someone doesn't accept you the way you are. Finish something big! Make the push across the finish line by calling those remote contacts.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Diligent work has gotten you this far, so continue in the same direction, even if so-called friends are tempting you to go off the path. One more day of attacking that to-do list will make a big difference.

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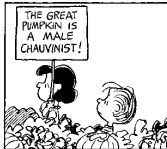
## Joyce Jilson



## To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jilson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jilson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jilson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

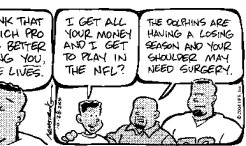
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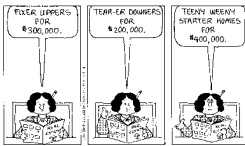
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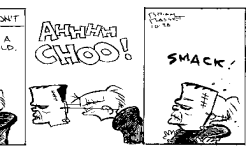
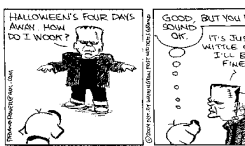
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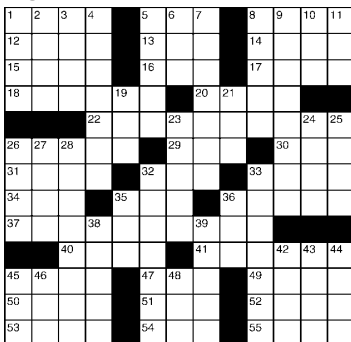
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18 Sir's counterpart  
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22 Pre-Xerox replica  
26 Syrup source  
29 Scoot  
30 — Paul  
31 Lotion additive  
32 Beetle Bailey's bed  
33 Frail  
34 Desire  
35 Menagerie  
36 Chaplain  
37 Breathing aid  
40 Movie producer who wed Liz Taylor  
41 In layers  
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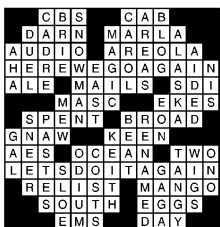
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11 Heavy weight  
12 West of Hollywood  
21 — Arbor, MI  
23 Witch-craft?  
24 Carson's predecessor

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26 BLT enhancer  
27 Haley or Trebek  
28 Little girl's hairstyle  
32 Lead the band  
33 Hears the alarm  
35 Londoner's letter  
36 Omega precursor  
38 Stuff your face  
39 Expatriate  
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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M PLANNING ON STEALING SOMETHING VERY HEAVY. I REALLY HOPE I CAN CARRY IT OFF.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

# Incontinence often not death with

**Dear Abby:** I am writing in response to the letter from "Can't Stand It" in N.J., whose boyfriend would bed every night. There are many misconceptions about incontinence.

Chances are he refuses to see a physician because he is embarrassed or may not understand the treatment options and resources available to him. Abby, he is not alone in this. An estimated 25 million Americans are plagued by incontinence problems.

Incontinence, if left undiagnosed and untreated, can be debilitating. It may cause the loss of self-dependence, self-respect and healthy sexuality. But, despite these potential consequences, the majority of people with incontinence — 66 percent — have never discussed the subject of urinary health with a doctor or nurse.

It's time to help people address this "taboo" subject.

The National Association for Continence (NAFC), a nonprofit

organization whose mission is to educate the public about the causes and cures for incontinence. We offer a free packet of information about incontinence, including a brochure titled "Seeking Treatment" to help prepare for a visit with a doctor to make a first visit as productive as possible.

**Dear Abby**



Please encourage any of your readers with questions about incontinence to call our NAFC toll-free number (800) 252-3337. It is staffed by a full-time health educator to answer questions for callers. We also have a Web site, [www.nafc.org](http://www.nafc.org), filled with information about incontinence, treatment and management options.

I strongly encourage "Can't Stand It" to contact NAFC for information and present it to her boyfriend so he can be educated and encouraged to seek help. Incontinence can be managed or treated — and it will allow both of them to improve their quality of

life together.

— Nancy Muller, Executive Director, NAFC

**Dear Nancy:** Since printing that letter, I have received letters from readers informing me that incontinence can be caused by a variety of ailments — which include allergies, spinal cord problems, a sleep disorder and kidney disease, to name a few. Most of these problems can be dealt with if a person is willing to discuss them with a medical professional.

"Can't Stand It" indicated that her boyfriend steadfastly refused to see a doctor about his problem, and she had reached the end of her rope in waking up every morning in a wet bed, so I told her it was time to say goodbye. If this was something he couldn't help, I wouldn't have been so quick to say it. However, it is hard to find sympathy for a person who is not willing to help himself.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69400, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**Answer: HIS**

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHINY BERET ZINNIA PACKET

Answer: The last thing a teenager wants to be — NINETEEN

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# Fight over food divides family

**Dear Annie:** My in-laws live 350 miles away and are very caring folks. The problem is, my mother-in-law has a major control issue with her cooking.

Mom expects us to eat and enjoy everything she makes. When we visit, she plans all our meals and gets upset if we want to eat out.

One time she forced a spoonful into our 6-year-old daughter's mouth, and when our daughter threw up at the table, Mom smacked her hard across the back of her head.

On our most recent visit, I wasn't very hungry, so I didn't put food on my plate. Mom stormed out of the dining room and refused to speak to me. I ended up having to apologize profusely for not being hungry. My 47-year-old husband has spent his entire life in front of her, and he won't confront her about her attitude, so I had to.

How do I get out of this crazy, stressful battle over food?

**Annie's Mailbox**



— Not Hungry Daughter-In-Law

**Dear Not Hungry:** Smacking the back of your daughter's head really threw us over the edge. Mom is way out of line.

Encourage your child to eat what Mom prepares, but when that is not possible, tell Mom, "Sorry, Susie isn't hungry." If she persists, repeat the sentence and remove Susie's plate. If Mom becomes angry, tell Susie she can leave the table. If Mom raises a hand against your child, take your family and leave the house. Inform Mom that you will come back when she settles down. Do not ever raise your voice.

Your husband should not take his mother's side, nor should he try to placate you into letting Mom have her way. Mom will be plenty angry, but do NOT back down.

**Dear Annie:** When I was a

teenager, some friends spray-painted obscenities on a neighbor's garage one night when I was with them. We all were arrested. Even though I did not directly participate, I lost my part-time job and the respect of my friends and family.

I assumed this indignity would be quickly forgotten, but that's not what happened. People still ask, "Aren't you the guy who spray-painted Joe's garage?" even though the incident was 25 years ago. My own parents, now elderly, will sometimes bring it up, so I can never put it behind me.

How long am I going to have to live with this? How should I respond when people bring it up?

— Perplexed in Pennsylvania

**Dear Perplexed:** Scandal has a long memory. The best response is, "Yes, I made a terrible mistake, but it was a long time ago." Then change the subject.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime Editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [annie-mailbox@comcast.net](mailto:annie-mailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

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## Farina back in the spotlight

Actor Dennis Farina's luck is beginning to turn around.

The former Chicago police officer hadn't appeared in any major projects for some time, and then was forced to withdraw from "Collateral" - the thriller starring Tom Cruise, after a car accident.

"He was starting to doubt that there was going to be anything really worthwhile on the horizon," Chuck Adamson, a friend and retired Chicago police sergeant told The New York Times in Sunday editions.

Then, Farina was recruited to join the cast of "Law & Order," after longtime fixture Jerry Orbach announced he was leaving to join a spinoff.

Farina says he was already a fan of the show and liked the emphasis on the crime stories rather than the characters' personal lives. He also was not worried about competition from other crime shows like "CSI."

"I just think 'Law & Order' is the gold standard," he told The Times. "History is going to show that it's probably one of the best series of shows that has been on television."

## Lalanne: 90 and still partying

Jack Lalanne keeps going and going, and so do the parties celebrating his 90th birthday.

Nearly a month after the fitness guru turned 90, friends gathered to honor him near the Muscle Beach that Lalanne and his bodybuilding colleagues made famous in the 1940s.

"I'm so flattered and honored," Lalanne said before a luncheon began at the Hotel Casa Del Mar. "Who the heck am I? I'm just a guy trying to help people."

Lalanne later became a household name by hosting a television exercise show that ran from 1951-85, and by performing outrageous feats such as towing boats while swimming across Long Beach Harbor handcuffed.

Lalanne, who was dressed in a tight, pinstriped suit that revealed his lean, lithe physique, said he

celebrated by traveling to France to visit his parents' birthplace and bought himself a Mercedes convertible.

"You've got to work at living because dying is easy," he said.

## Ford looking out for elk

Actor Harrison Ford is drawing the line - right at his property - against state efforts to thin the elk herd.

Elk living near Ford's ranch belong to the larger Fall Creek Herd, which numbers 5,100, exceeding the state's population objective of 4,400 animals.

"The problem is that a lot of landowners don't allow permission to hunt," said Mark Gocke, spokesman for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. "That's why this particular herd segment has grown so much."

Ford has created a private elk refuge of sorts with elk summering on his property in South Park.

"[Ford] doesn't want any hunting to take place on his property," said John Kelly, who manages the ranch for the actor.

"He told me that if I caught anyone to turn them in."

## Royal teases tongue at food festival

Even in the land of cheese and pasta, Prince Charles couldn't keep away from the traditional British specialties: bacon, pudding and orange marmalade.

At an international food fair in the northwest Italian city of Torino, the prince tasted local products, like Italian cheeses and olives, but focused on cuisine from back home, Italy's Apcom news agency reported.

The Salone del Gusto (Hall of Flavor) event was organized by the "Slow Food" movement, which seeks to preserve culinary traditions in the age of fast food. In a speech, Charles, a longtime advocate of organic farming, expressed his concerns about genetically modified foods.

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# The other fall guy in Gainesville

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
The Associated Press

Maybe the biggest problem when Florida hired Ron Zook to replace Steve Spurrier was this:

In the minds of all but the most blindly loyal Gators fans, it was never a matter of if, only when Zook would be fired.

It happened Monday, and the way it went down was probably worse than what anyone could have guessed.

A shouting match at a fraternity house. A loss to one of the 10 worst teams in the country. Sure, Spurrier had forgettable moments in his 12 seasons with the Gators, but never anything like this.

After Florida's humiliating

*Zook is a good, honest man, and the saddest thing about his failure is that it really isn't all his fault.*

38-31 loss to Mississippi State on Saturday, there was no more getting around the truth that had been bubbling in Gainesville for a long time. Not only have the once-mighty Gators regressed under Zook's 2½-year tenure — most people expected a little setback — they have become something of a laughingstock around the country.

Zook is a good, honest man, and the saddest thing about his failure is that it really isn't all his fault.

As expected, he brought in top-10 signing classes in all three of his seasons, which is exactly why athletic director Jeremy Foley went out on a limb and hired the lifetime assistant back

in January 2002.

Zook is a hard worker, a great recruiter, a loyal coach and employee. He just wasn't ready to be a head coach, and it was Foley's refusal to accept that reality that put him in the horrible situation of having to fire his good friend three years later.

"I accept full responsibility for making that decision that has not panned out as we all envisioned," Foley said.

It's an article of faith among leaders of big-time college programs that you don't put a first-time head coach in charge of football. And if you do, he needs to have a résumé much more polished than Zook's was.

As much as getting a grasp on managing games, coaches need to learn about the politics, the boosters, the public-relations aspects of being a top guy, and they need to do it at a lower level before they take over one of the top programs in the country. (Can Florida even make that claim anymore?)

Foley ignored conventional wisdom. After Mike Shanahan and Bob Stoops turned down the job, Foley went to "The Zooker," as he calls him, and conceded that had Zook turned down the job, there would have been nobody else left on his list.

The theory, as Foley explained it then, was that signing day was approaching, he needed to get a coach quickly, and there was no time to sift through the backgrounds and baggage of some of the other names flying around at the time — Rick Neuheisel and



University of Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley, above, hired Ron Zook despite Zook's lack of head coaching experience.

Jon Gruden, to name a few.

Foley may have been right. The problem, though, came in having a list with only three names.

Zook tried to ignore the constant negativity aimed his way — see [firezook.com](http://firezook.com) — and kept plugging away, the ultimate grinder at a school that got used to having a quick-witted showman leading the way.

The embarrassments came quickly and they were about more than just losing or the incident at the fraternity house.

Days before his first Florida State game, Zook made the bone-headed PR move of placing an unprecedented gag order on his team, even though it was the Seminoles who were in turmoil at the time. He said it was to keep the Gators focused. They lost 31-14.

A few weeks later, Florida lost to Michigan in the Outback Bowl when Zook called for a receiver to pass to Rex Grossman on a late drive that would have tied the game. It was the college equivalent of turning John Elway into a receiver with 2 minutes left. The pass got intercepted. After the game, Zook made the startling concession that he'd let his assistants talk him into calling the play.

The list goes on, but the results stayed the same. Zook is 20-13 with four games left. Spurrier lost 27 times in 150 games.

"It was a culmination of disappointments — a lot of different things," Foley explained.

Ironically, the timing of the firing may be the best decision Foley has made in regard to Zook's tenure.

Zook will coach the rest of the season, and his players — most of them as stubbornly loyal to him as he is to them — will almost surely play hard for him. It would come as no surprise to see the Gators win this week's game against Georgia, which would make Zook 3-0 against Florida's archrival.

But the best thing about the timing is it gives Foley some breathing room to make a good decision. Already, Utah's Urban Meyer is being considered a candidate because he's got a sharp football mind and because Florida's new president came from Utah.

Whether it's Meyer, Stoops or — could it really happen? — an answered "S.O.S." call for the return of Stephen Orr Spurrier, Foley needs to make a long list, interview thoroughly and make the right choice.

Because some day, Zook might get another chance. Athletic directors, however, usually only get one do-over on a decision this important.



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### Friday

**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—Baseball: World Series, Boston at St. Louis, Game 4 (dtd).  
**AFN-Sports, 830 a.m.**—College football: Oregon Tech at Georgia Tech.  
**AFN-Pacific, Pacific, Korea, AFN radio Ok-Ok.**  
**AFN-Baseball:** World Series, Boston at St. Louis, Game 5 (dtd).  
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## College football

### AP Top 25 schedule

**Thursday, Oct. 28**  
 No. 22 Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech  
**Friday, Oct. 29**  
 No. 18 Boise State vs. New Mexico  
**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
 No. 1 Southern Cal. at Washington State  
 No. 2 Oklahoma at No. 20 Oklahoma State  
 No. 3 Auburn at Mississippi  
 No. 4 Duke at North Carolina  
 No. 5 Florida State at Maryland  
 No. 7 Georgia Tech vs. No. 10 Arizona State  
 No. 8 Texas at Colorado  
 No. 9 Utah at San Diego State  
 No. 10 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla.  
 No. 11 Tennessee at South Carolina  
 No. 12 Michigan vs. Michigan State  
 No. 13 West Virginia at Rutgers  
 No. 16 Texas A&M at Baylor  
 No. 17 Purdue at Northwestern  
 No. 19 LSU vs. Vanderbilt  
 No. 22 Iowa at Illinois  
 No. 23 Alabama at Indiana

### Division I-AA Top 25

**PHILADELPHIA**—The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Division I-AA football poll, records through Oct. 24 and football rank:

Record	Pts
1. Georgia Southern (7)	7-1 2518
2. Southern Illinois (7)	7-1 2488
3. Delaware (4)	6-2 2323
4. North Carolina (7)	6-2 2308
5. Cal Poly-SLO (1)	7-0 2261
6. North Carolina (7)	6-2 2011
7. Western Kentucky (6)	5-2 1856
8. San Houston State (6)	6-1 1798
9. James Madison (1)	6-1 1652
10. New Hampshire (6)	5-2 1574
11. Wake Forest (6)	5-2 1514
12. Lehigh (6)	6-1 1279
13. Stephen F. Austin (6)	5-2 1244
14. Hampton (7)	7-1 1119
15. Northwestern State (5)	5-2 934
16. William & Mary (5)	5-2 905
17. Appalachian State (5)	6-3 823
18. Colgate (6)	6-1 790
19. Middle Tennessee (5)	6-1 763
20. North Carolina (7)	6-2 625
21. Pennsylvania State (5)	5-2 591
22. New Hampshire (6)	5-2 390
23. Montana State (5)	5-2 383
24. Eastern Washington (5)	5-2 383

Other receiving votes: Alabama State 115, Southern Illinois 115, Tennessee Tech 84, North Carolina 78, UC Riverside 68, Arkansas 68, North Carolina 68, Carolina 33, Lafayette 28, Southeastern Louisiana 26, Northern Illinois 21, North Carolina 20, Dayton 19, Kentucky 18, Princeton 7, McKeesport State 7.

### Division II Top 25

Record	Pts
1. Pittsburg State (Kan., 23)	9-0 619
2. Texas A&M-Kingsville (2)	7-0 595
3. Western Missouri State (2)	7-0 578
5. Valdosta State (Ga.)	7-1 500
6. North Dakota (7)	7-1 484
7. Chicago State (Ill.)	7-1 468
8. Arkansas Tech (6)	8-0 450
9. Central Oklahoma (6)	8-0 413
10. Central Oklahoma (6)	8-1 368
11. Winona State (Minn.)	8-1 353
12. Central Oklahoma School of Mines (6)	8-0 352
13. Northwood, Mich. (6)	8-1 318
14. Chicago State (Ill.)	7-1 317
15. East Stroudsburg, Pa. (6)	7-1 259
16. Saginaw Valley State, Mich. (6)	7-0 207
17. Winthrop, N.C. (6)	8-1 206
18. Carson-Newman, Tenn. (6)	6-8 214
19. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	6-2 110
20. Tuskegee, Ala. (6)	6-1 102
21. Nebraska Wesleyan (6)	6-2 98
22. Catawba, N.C. (6)	6-2 114
23. Central Arkansas (6)	7-2 124
24. State Cloud State, Okla. (6)	7-2 117
25. West Chester, Pa. (6)	7-2 71

## Division III Top 25

Record	Pts
1. Mount Union, Ohio (38)	9-0 594
2. Linfield, Ore. (2)	9-0 518
3. William & Mary (2)	8-0 498
4. Hardin-Simmons, Texas (2)	8-0 496
5. Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (2)	8-0 496
6. Salisbury, Md. (2)	8-0 496
7. Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (2)	8-0 496
8. Concordia-Moorhead, Minn. (2)	8-0 496
9. Wisconsin-La Crosse (2)	8-0 496
10. Capital, Ohio (2)	8-0 496
11. Wisconsin-Whitewater (2)	8-0 496
12. Trinity, Texas (2)	8-0 496
13. Mount St. Joseph, Ohio (2)	8-0 496
14. Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas (2)	8-0 496
15. Western Wallace, Ohio (2)	8-0 496
16. Howard-Sydney, Va. (2)	8-0 496
17. McKendree, Ill. (2)	8-0 496
18. Rowan, N.J. (2)	8-0 496
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20. Augustana, Ill. (2)	8-0 496
21. Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (2)	8-0 496
22. Western Illinois, Ill. (2)	8-0 496
23. John Fisher, N.Y. (2)	8-0 496
24. St. John's, Minn. (2)	8-0 496
25. Mount St. Joseph, Ohio (2)	8-0 496

## Pro basketball

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New York Knicks	3-0	1.000	0
Toronto Raptors	3-0	1.000	0
Miami Heat	3-0	1.000	0
Washington Wizards	3-0	1.000	0
Atlanta Hawks	3-0	1.000	0
Central Division			
Chicago Bulls	3-0	1.000	0
Cleveland Cavaliers	3-0	1.000	0
Detroit Pistons	3-0	1.000	0
Indiana Pacers	3-0	1.000	0
Western Conference			
Memphis Grizzlies	3-0	1.000	0
New Orleans Hornets	3-0	1.000	0
San Antonio Spurs	3-0	1.000	0
Northwest Division			
Denver Nuggets	3-0	1.000	0
Minnesota Timberwolves	3-0	1.000	0
Portland Trail Blazers	3-0	1.000	0
Seattle SuperSonics	3-0	1.000	0
Pacific Division			
Phoenix Suns	3-0	1.000	0
Golden State Warriors	3-0	1.000	0
L.A. Clippers	3-0	1.000	0
Sacramento Kings	3-0	1.000	0

### Monday's games

Chicago 100, Washington 95	100-95
Cleveland 95, New York 90	95-90
L.A. Lakers 117, Seattle 91	117-91
Charlotte's games	
Charlotte 84, Miami 78	84-78
Memphis at Indiana	
Orlando at New Jersey	
San Antonio at Dallas	
Utah at Phoenix	
Seattle at Phoenix	
Wednesday's games	
Detroit at Orlando	
Atlanta vs. Charlotte at Fayetteville, N.C.	
Chicago at Indiana	
Milwaukee at Minnesota	
San Antonio at Houston	
Toronto at Portland	
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix	
Thursday's games	
Atlanta vs. Cleveland at Pittsburgh	
Utah at New York	
Atlanta vs. Milwaukee	
Memphis vs. Charlotte at Green Bay	
Denver at Houston	
L.A. Clippers at Washington vs. L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma	
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers	

### Golf

#### World Ranking

##### Through Oct. 24

1. Vijay Singh	SAI 1358
2. Ernie Els	SAI 1208
3. Phil Mickelson	USA 781
4. Tiger Woods	USA 760
5. David Love III	USA 670
6. Mike Weir	Can 650

### Baseball

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## HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

## Eagles runners on course to soar

## Surprising Edgren eying Far East gold

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

Edgren cross country coach Andre Thibert and his Eagles can be forgiven if they're dreaming big these days.

Their three marquee runners, juniors Peter Kamau and Daniel Sanchez and budding freshman Jade Thrasher, consistently have finished at the top among Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Japan runners this season.

With Edgren hosting the Far East championship meet next month at Misawa Air Base, they hope to achieve the ultimate: Far East gold, in either the individual 3.1-mile race or team relay.

"I'm so stoked," Thrasher said. "We've got this. This is big. We have some top runners. We have to live up to those standards."

"Of course, I'm a little biased, but we're training and preparing for Jade, Daniel and Peter to be in the top five at Far East," said Thibert, in his second year as coach of the Eagles.

Head staff for a program long considered a DODDS-Pacific cross country dormant.

Thibert and his top three runners say they're hoping to form a foundation for the future. So far this season they appear ready to do just that.

Kamau, who transferred to Misawa in the fall from Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., finished first three times, second twice and third once among DODDS runners. His best 3.1-mile time is 17:33, set on Oct. 9 at Sasebo. That time is 41 seconds better than the top time of the 2002 Far East meet on Guam.

Sanchez had been Edgren's top male runner until Kamau arrived, but he still managed one victory, four thirds and a fourth against DODDS competition. He



Edgren juniors Peter Kamau, left, and Daniel Sanchez placed second and third in the DODDS-Japan championship on Oct. 16 and consistently placed in the top three this season against DODDS competition.

finished nine seconds behind Kamau at Sasebo.

Thrasher posted three firsts, a second, a third and a fifth in her six meets.

"I have never coached a freshman runner with as much maturity as her," Thibert said. Her personal-best 3.1-mile time is 21:56, and at the Oct. 16 DODDS-Japan finals at Tama, Thrasher ran the 2.1-mile course in 14:31, eight seconds better than her chief DODDS rival, Eri Eveland of Nike C. Kinrick.

Zama American's best boys runner in 16 years, Chris Cerrillo, took top honors in 16:15 on the 2.9-mile course, but Kamau (16:20) and Sanchez (16:30) were breathing down his back.

Edgren's opposition has noticed.

"This is certainly one of the strongest, if not the strongest team that they have ever fielded," said John Thek, who has coached the Yokota High team since 1978.

"Coach Thibert certainly has the program headed in the right direction."

Whether that direction will lead to Far East gold depends on



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Edgren freshman Jade Thrasher won the DODDS-Japan finals.

many things — starting with Edgren's opposition.

Battle-tested Kadena of Okinawa will enter Far East as defending team champion, boasting Jon Turner and his season-best 17:20 among boys, and defending Okinawa island girls champion Niki Kaurzlarich, whose 19:37 is third-best in the Pacific this season.

Another threat on the girls side is Pusan American senior Britanna Carroll, who ran a 19:35 earlier this season.

"We know where we stand with them in Japan, but there's always a fear as a coach, when they [runners] see schools they've never seen," Thibert said. "The intimidation factor," the idea that new competitors are "automatically good because they wear a different uniform."

At this point, however, Edgren lacks the depth that often sustains championship bids.

"As a team, we're heavy at the top end," Thibert said of Kamau, Sanchez and Thrasher. "Cross country is really a team sport. Not that you have just the best runners, but a large amount of runners in the middle."

Championship teams, he said, "will kill you in terms of their depth."

Edgren has the advantage of being the host team.

"We'll have the support of our families, our friends cheering us on," Thrasher said. "It will be something to make us do our best and run hard."

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## This week's schedule

**Japan**  
**Friday, Oct. 29**  
Nile C. Kinrick at Yokota, 7 p.m.  
American School in Japan at Zama American, 7 p.m.

**Girls volleyball**  
**Thursday, Oct. 28**  
International School of the Sacred Heart at Zama American, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 29**  
Matthew C. Perry at Robert D. Edgren, 8 a.m.  
American School in Japan at Christian Academy in Japan, 7 a.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
Matthew C. Perry at Robert D. Edgren, 10 a.m.  
Zama American at Christian Academy in Japan, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2**  
Seisen Int'l at Nile C. Kinrick, 7 p.m.

**Tenets**  
**Friday, Oct. 29-Saturday, Oct. 30**  
Korea-Peoples Association of Secondary Schools Invitational at Nile C. Kinrick High School, Yokosuka Naval Base.

**Korea**  
**Football**  
**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
Osan American at Tampus American, 2 p.m.

**Volleyball**  
**Friday, Oct. 29-Saturday, Oct. 30**  
Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference boys tournament, Seoul American School.  
Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference girls tournament, Seoul Foreign School.

**Tenets**  
**Friday, Oct. 29-Saturday, Oct. 30**  
Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference boys tournament, Taean Christian International School.  
Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference girls tournament, Seoul Foreign School.

**Cross country**  
**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference, Christian International School-Jollibong.

**Gum**  
**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Guam Interscholastic Academy vs. George Washington, time and date to be determined.  
Southern vs. Simon Sanchez, time and date to be determined.  
Guam High vs. John F. Kennedy, time and date to be determined.

## Game of the week

**Girls volleyball**  
**Yokota (14) at Nile C. Kinrick (15-7)**  
When: 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1.  
Where: Nile C. Kinrick High School Gym, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

**What:** It's the final competition between Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Japan teams in the regular season before the Far East Class AA Tournament Nov. 8-13 on Okinawa, and a battle between the leading DODDS-Japan teams.

**Notes:** The Panthers and Red Devils each rode eight-match winning streaks to the semifinals. The Panthers, 22-3 against DODDS-Japan opponents, Yokota (16-9) and Seisen Int'l (15-7), advanced by winning its first eight matches, and its only losses have come against international schools. Kinrick (12-2) vs. DODDS-Japan began the season 6-2 before losing to a new Yokota team, tied at a 7-11 regular-season record and placed in the semifinals. Seisen Int'l, meanwhile, won 8-2 during the season and placed in the semifinals.

**Players to watch:** Yokota senior team captain Darlene Seelye sets an armada of spikes, including newcomer Ann Marie Smith. Seelye's teammate, Vitorio, Rachel Wright and Shiori Kaneko are chellies. Yokota's Seelye has made great strides in a figure he believed he couldn't do. Seelye's sophomore sister, Mariko Wood, centering in a lineup featuring Erica Williams and sophomore Katie Wilkinson at the net.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**Darnell Womach**  
**Football**  
**Kadena Buccaneers**  
**Okinawa**

**Last week:** Ran 17 times for 215 yards and two touchdowns, broke the Buccaneers to a 26-13 victory Friday over the Kubasaki Shogun — the Buccaneers' third straight win, which ended the second seed in the Okinawa Activities Council playoffs, which start Friday.

Taking over the role held the



past two years by A.J. Morgan. Womach, a junior, has rushed 101 times for 626 yards and three touchdowns, and has amassed 968 all-purpose yards, four touchdowns and has recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass for the Buccaneers (3-3).

"He's a great kid," coach Brian Wetherington said. "He's stepped in at tailback and taken over A.J.'s spot. He's got a good feel for the offense that I run. He's an excellent student in the classroom and an excellent student on the football field."

Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.

**Kara Baccus**  
**Volleyball**  
**Osan American, South Korea**

**Last week:** The middle blocker helped lead the Cougars to two victories during the weekend, capping a 3-1 run in an eight-day span to improve to 7-6 in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference this season. "She Baccus had 13 spike kills in 30 attempts, went 28-for-32 serving with 12 aces and had 25 defensive digs as Osan swept the Seoul



International Tigers 25-16, 25-23, 25-20 at home Friday, then swept the Taegon Christian International Dragons 25-17, 25-22, 25-12 at Taegon.

"She has really come on strong to lead the team at middle blocker," coach Brian Swenty said of Baccus, a junior who has a 4.0 grade-point average student taking three Advanced Placement courses. "She has learned a great deal and always brings a tough, aggressive attitude to the court."

Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.

# Northwestern coach checks into hospital

The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern coach Randy Walker has an inflammation of the heart muscle and was hospitalized for a second day Tuesday.

"He's feeling much better today, resting comfortably," spokesman Mike Wolf said. He said Walker could be released as early as Wednesday.

Walker checked himself into Evanston Northwestern Hospital on Monday after experiencing chest pains before his weekly news conference. The 50-year-old Walker doesn't have a history of heart problems, and Wolf said tests showed his heart is fine.

Wolf said Walker will decide later this week whether he will be on the sideline for Saturday's game against No. 17 Purdue.

**Separated shoulder sidelines Florida State RB Washington**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State tailback Leon Washington will miss at least one game with a separated right shoulder, but could be out longer.

Washington will be out "probably a couple, looking at it optimistically," coach Bobby Bowden said Monday.

Washington, the team's leading rusher with 689 yards, separated the 98.4-yard average, separated the shoulder during the fifth-ranked Seminoles' 20-17 win Saturday over Wake Forest.

## Sports briefs

Sophomore Lorenzo Booker, who has split carries nearly 50-50 with Washington and averages just over 80 yards, will become the Seminoles' featured back.

The Seminoles play at Maryland on Saturday.

### Brooks has backing at UK

LEXINGTON, Ky. — University of Kentucky President Lee Todd and athletic director Mitch Barnhart expressed their support Tuesday for football coach Rich Brooks, whose team is guaranteed its second straight losing season.

"We've got the coach we want," Barnhart said Tuesday, following a meeting of the university's board of trustees. "We're not in the market for a coach."

The Wildcats are a 1-6 heading into Saturday's game at Mississippi State.

Reports last week on two national sports Web sites said that Brooks, who is 5-14 in two seasons at Kentucky, planned to resign at the end of the season.

"I'm not quitting," Brooks said Saturday and again Monday.

### R. Gordon to start own team in Nextel Cup

WELLSVILLE, N.C. — Robby Gor-



Leon Washington (3) will miss Florida State's game at Maryland on Saturday and might miss its home game against Duke on Nov. 6.

don is leaving Richard Childress Racing at the end of the season to drive for what he hopes will be his own Nextel Cup team in 2005.

"Now is the time for me to start my future as an owner at NASCAR's highest level," he said Tuesday.

Gordon was co-owner of a short-lived Cup team in 2000 with John Menard and Mike Held. Gordon drove for several teams in 2001 before winding up with Childress and winning the season-ending race at New Hampshire. That victory earned Gordon a full-time ride with RCR.

Gordon, who has run a part-time Busch Series schedule this year with his own team, said he has been putting the pieces in place for a Cup team for most of 2004.

"We don't have anything to announce yet for next season," he said. "We hope to make some announcements soon."

Gordon and Childress both said the parting is amicable, although the owner put the former open-wheel racing star on proba-

tion after he started an accident at New Hampshire in September that seriously damaged the championship hopes of title contenders Tony Stewart and Jeremy Mayfield.

### Federer pulls out of tourney in native Switzerland

BASEL, Switzerland — Roger Federer pulled out of the Swiss Indoors after hurting his left thigh during a practice session Tuesday, while Taylor Dent and Paradorn Srichaphan exited with upset losses.

The top-ranked Federer will need to rest up to two weeks and might miss the Paris Masters and season-ending Tennis Masters Cup, which starts Nov. 17 in Houston.

As a kid, Federer was a ball boy in this tournament, which he's never won.

"This is a huge disappointment for me, clearly," said Federer, the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam titles in a season. "But all I can do is wait again until next year."

# Brey gets contract extension

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame basketball coach Mike Brey received a two-year con-

tract extension after leading the Irish to three NCAA tournaments in four seasons.

It is the second two-year extension for Brey, who signed a seven-year contract in July 2000. The new contract, which was announced Monday, runs through the 2010-11 season.

"Simply speaking, Mike Brey has done a brilliant job leading Notre Dame basketball back to national prominence," athletic director Kevin White said. "Mike represents the perfect Notre Dame fit."

Brey, 45, has an 84-44 record at Notre Dame and led the Irish to 20 wins and NCAA tournament bids in his first three seasons and an NIT berth last season.

Notre Dame and Syracuse are the only Big East teams to post winning conference records each of the past four years.

"This is a place that you should wind down your coaching career at," Brey said. "Hopefully I'm going somewhere where they'll let me do that. It's up to me now."

### Wisconsin's Wade on indefinite leave of absence

MADISON, Wis. — Bo Wade, expected to compete to be Wisconsin's starting point guard, is taking an indefinite leave of absence from the team.

Coch Bob Ryan announced the move Monday, saying Wade needed to "concentrate on some personal issues," and there was no timetable for his return. Ryan didn't give any details.

Wade, a junior, was suspended for two games last season after his ex-girlfriend accused him of choking her during an incident in early February at her apartment. Wade pleaded no contest in April to two misdemeanor counts in a plea deal.

# Family of deceased student awaits police review

BY DENISE LAVOIE

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The family of a college student killed by a police officer outside Fenway Park will await the results of an internal police review before deciding whether to sue the department, according to the family's lawyer.

"It's a determination that awaits a lot of investigation," attorney Patrick Jones said Monday.

Victoria E. Snelgrove, an Emerson College

junior and aspiring broadcast journalist, was buried Tuesday, three days before her 22nd birthday.

She was killed last week when she was hit in the eye by a pepper-filled pellet fired by police as they tried to control a raucous crowd after the Red Sox won the American League pennant against the New York Yankees.

Snelgrove was among an estimated 80,000 revelers celebrating in the streets around the ballpark early Thursday morning.

Police began firing the pellets out of com-

pressed-air guns when some in the crowd became unruly, climbing the steel girders under Fenway's left-field wall, setting small fires and throwing bottles at police.

Snelgrove's death prompted questions about whether police overreacted to the mostly college crowd. The department was sharply criticized earlier this year for being unprepared when riots broke out following the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory. One person was killed and another critically injured when a vehicle plowed into revelers shortly after midnight on Feb. 2.

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152	jimb01	Yongsan, Seoul
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## Best Overall Scores

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Allison	18 CES
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See websites for official game rules.

Check this space every Thursday during the entire NFL season for the weeks Top Scores and Best Overall Scores during the NFL Challenge.

# Investigators in Hendrick plane crash look for clues

BY CHRIS KAHN  
The Associated Press

PATRICK SPRINGS, Va. — Without a flight data record or cockpit voice recorder, investigators were trying to piece together what caused a Hendrick Motorsports plane to crash by poring over the wreckage, radar data and transcript of chatter between the pilot and air traffic controllers.

National Transportation Safety Board officials said they do not immediately know what caused the Beech 200 King Air to crash Sunday en route from Concord, N.C., to Blue Ridge Airport for a NASCAR race at Martinsville Speedway. Ten people died.

"We're in the data-gathering phase of this investigation," the NTSB's Brian Rayner said Monday.

The Hendrick Motorsports plane — carrying family and friends of one of NASCAR's top teams — missed its first landing attempt before it veered off course and smashed into Bull Mountain, investigators said.

Everyone aboard was killed, including the son, brother and two nieces of team owner Rick Hendrick. Hendrick was not on the plane because he wasn't feeling well, a team spokesman said.

Pilots of at least 20 other planes, most of them carrying

sponsors and race fans, decided it was too dangerous to land at Blue Ridge Airport on Sunday, and instead touched down at Danville Regional Airport where landing in bad weather is easier.

Mike Rembold, manager of General Aviation Inc. at the Danville airport, said the pilots couldn't get into Blue Ridge because of fog.

"They were missing approaches," he said. "They would go down and not see the runway and then go back up. They headed here instead."

Rayner told reporters it looked as if the Hendrick plane slashed through the treetops for about

100 feet before crashing into the southeast face of Bull Mountain. The impact left a crater in the mountainside and remnants were thrown another 100 feet.

By Monday afternoon, the seven NTSB and Federal Aviation Administration investigators had recovered all of the bodies, then retreated to a church at the base of the mountain to pray.

Earlier, a chaplain from the Motor Racing Outreach group met with Hendrick employees for a prayer service at the firm's North Carolina compound. Counselors and chaplains were available for workers.

News of the crash halted Hen-

drick driver Jimmie Johnson's victory celebration after the Subway 500 in Martinsville as word of the deaths reached the Hendrick team, which also includes drivers Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers.

Ronnie Foley, 48, and Timothy Cooper, 43, said they saw the plane fly over Sunday while they were waiting for the race to begin on TV.

"It was like it was idling. It sounded like it was at about half throttle," said Cooper, who was about three miles from the crash site with Foley. "It just wasn't as loud as it should have been."

On the Net: <http://www.hendrickmotorsports.com>

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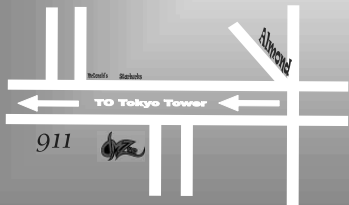
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# Colts' downplay confrontation between Manning, WR Wayne

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning and Reggie Wayne kept quiet Monday, their Indianapolis Colts teammates didn't think they needed to say a word.

One day after Manning and Wayne engaged in a shouting match near the end of a 27-24 loss to Jacksonville, the primary participants did not make themselves available to reporters, as usual. Other players tried to explain what led to Sunday's sideline confrontation.

"It's football. Guys get hot and tempers flare," center Jeff Saturday said.

"You didn't see us pulling guys back, so it's not that big of a deal." It was an uncharacteristic distraction for a team that won four straight games before Sunday.

Wayne and Manning jawed briefly at each other, facemask to facemask, and Wayne even showed last year's NFL co-MVP moments before the offense went back onto the field with 32 seconds left in the game.

Colts players tried to downplay the incident.

Saturday said he thought it was blown out of proportion and acknowledged he's engaged in occasional shouting matches either in the huddle or on the field with other offensive linemen, calling it part of the game.

## Bears bursy Couch

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears passed on signing Tim Couch and will stick with the three quarterbacks on their roster with rookie Craig Krenzel possibly starting Sunday night's home game against San Francisco.

Couch, the top overall pick in the 1999 draft, had a tryout on Friday and Saturday with the Bears, who lost starting quarterback Rex Grossman to a season-ending knee injury in the third week.

Both Krenzel and Jonathan Quinn played a half in Sunday's 19-17 loss to Tampa Bay. Krenzel, in his first NFL appearance, completed nine of 19 passes for 69 yards and led the Bears to their only score. But he also threw an interception.

Quinn was 5-for-9 for 47 yards in his third straight start.

Smith would not say who would start practice Wednesday as the No. 1 quarterback. But he did say the Bears were no longer interested in Couch.

"As much as anything, we like the three quarterbacks we're working with right now," Smith said.

## Fisher says McNair day-to-day

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve McNair is hurting, frustrated and just wants to get back on the field.

Only now, the Tennessee Titans want only say he's day-to-day.

McNair bruised his sternum for the third time in five weeks during Sunday's 3-20 loss at Minnesota. The latest hit didn't send him to a hospital like the first one on Sept. 26, did, but he spent three



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning got into a heated exchange with receiver Reggie Wayne during Sunday's loss to Jacksonville.

## NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league):  
**Buccaners** RB Mike Alston (knee) out at least four weeks.  
**Browns** WR Terry Glenn (tooth) out at least two weeks.  
**Packers** RB DeShaun Foster (collarbone) will have surgery and miss the rest of the season.  
**Ravens** OT Jonathan Ogden (hamstring) and TE Todd Heap (knee) are both doubtful.  
**Redskins** K John Hall (groin day-line) is questionable.  
**Titans** RB Chris Brown (toe) is questionable.

quarters on the sideline in enough pain he could only take shallow breaths.

Coach Jeff Fisher said Monday that a CT scan showed a hematoma on McNair's sternum and that the quarterback still was sore. Whether McNair rests Sunday when the Titans (2-5) host Cincinnati is uncertain. Fisher listed McNair as questionable the week the quarterback spent two nights in a hospital, then deactivated him before a loss at San Diego.

The Titans have their bye Nov. 7, which would offer McNair a chance to rest.

## Moss expected to play more against Giants

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss is expected to play a meaningful role for the Minnesota Vikings this weekend against the Giants, even without a fully healed right hamstring.

The Vikings started Moss on Sunday to keep his consecutive games streak alive at 102, but the All-Pro wide receiver was limited to two snaps and did not catch a pass in Minnesota's 20-3 victory over Tennessee.

"Hopefully he'll progress more this week, and we'll be able to use

him in an active role," coach Mike Tice said Monday. "I don't anticipate he'll be at speed enough to play his normal role, which is every play of the game and every situation."

Tice said he didn't know if his star would practice this week, but he indicated Moss could be useful inside the 20-yard line or on third downs on Sunday against New York.

## Chiefs not using revenge as motivator vs. Colts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dick Vermeil would prefer not to hear the word "revenge" tossed around Arrowhead Stadium this week.

The Chiefs host Indianapolis in a rematch of a playoff game last season that the Colts won 38-31 in Kansas City. Indianapolis did not punt in that game.

"I'm not much on using those kind (of motivators). I try to use things that are more appropriate to the time, what makes the difference this week," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday.

"To me, true motivation of a football team is a never-ending process. There are certain things that stimulate it a little more one week than the other. But real deep team motivation is more a chemistry of a football team and the kind of players you have on it and the environment they're in and how they work together and how they care about each other. Then it becomes more consistent."

Still, beating the Chiefs (4-2) would give fans something to enjoy while bringing the Chiefs (2-4) closer to 500.

"That game left a real sour taste in our mouths," said safety Jerome Woods. "That one was really disappointing."



San Diego's Drew Brees (9) ranks sixth in the NFL in quarterback rating (95.5). He has nine TD passes and three interceptions this season.

# San Diego charged by talk of playoffs

By BERNIE WILSON

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Surprise, surprise. Look who's above .500 and talking about making a playoff push.

None other than the San Diego Chargers.

A year ago, the Chargers were the NFL's worst team and missed the playoffs for the eighth straight season. Now they've won as many games as they did last year, improving to 4-3 with a 17-6 road win over last year's surprise team, the Carolina Panthers.

After splitting games in consecutive trips to the East Coast, the Chargers feel like they actually have a chance.

"We want to make a playoff push," said running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who continues to play despite a strained groin muscle that had him limping off the field Sunday.

"I think we are in a very good position," said quarterback Drew Brees, who was all but shoved aside by management in the offseason, only to bounce back remarkably with a 95.5 passer rating, sixth best in the NFL.

"We like where we are right now," Brees said. "We are starting to find ourselves as a team. We are kind of blazing that path in where we want to go."

They're also trying to keep it in perspective. After all, they started 6-1 in 2002, Marty Schottenheimer's first season as coach, only to lose seven of their last nine. In 2001, Tomlinson's first season, the Chargers were 5-2 before losing their last nine.

Still, the Chargers clearly are opening some eyes around the league.

"I've gotten phone calls from friends, and people are kind of surprised at how much success we've had this far," said linebacker Steve Foley, who signed as a free agent in the offseason. "I'm trying not to get overly excited about it. We still have tons of ball left. I'm feeling good as far as where we're at right now. The atmosphere in the locker room is positive, and that's what's it going to have to continue to be for us to be successful."

"No one's riding a high horse or anything, but everyone realizes what we have here and our poten-

tial, I guess, how far we can go and how many victories we can get," Foley said. "So hopefully it'll get us in the playoffs."

That would be fine with newly acquired wide receiver Keenan McCardell, who helped the Tampa Bay Buccaneers rout the Oakland Raiders in the Super Bowl here two seasons ago.

"I think we can make the playoffs," said McCardell, who caught five passes for 65 yards in his Chargers debut after missing the first six games with the Bucs in a holdout. "I'm not going to put us out on a limb like that, but if we keep getting better, why not? We're in the hunt just like everybody else. Why not?"

Only two of the Chargers' last nine opponents have winning records. Next up are consecutive home games against Oakland (2-5) and New Orleans (3-4).

Schottenheimer, naturally, doesn't read too much into the Chargers' record.

"We're 4-3. And that's only one game above .500, and .500 won't get it in the league," he said.

But he does like the direction the Chargers are going, that they're picking up Wade Phillips' 3-4 defense and how McCardell brings a needed veteran presence to the receiving corps.

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## NFL scoreboard

## American Conference

East	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	0	1.000	149	90
N.Y. Jets	5	0	.833	127	82
Buffalo	1	5	.167	77	136
Miami	1	5	.143	86	121
South	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	2	.714	122	126
Indianapolis	4	0	.667	83	133
Houston	3	2	.500	138	137
Tennessee	3	0	.286	124	158
North	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833	136	114
Baltimore	4	0	.667	117	85
Cleveland	2	4	.429	147	147
Cincinnati	2	4	.333	106	139
West	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	3	2	.714	140	100
San Diego	4	0	.571	177	142
Kansas City	3	4	.333	106	139
Oakland	2	5	.286	124	181

## National Conference

East	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	0	1.000	171	94
N.Y. Giants	5	0	.833	177	100
Dallas	2	4	.333	107	156
Washington	1	4	.200	93	96
South	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	.714	129	142
New Orleans	3	4	.429	154	211
Tennessee	3	2	.600	159	134
Carolina	1	5	.167	83	135
North	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	1	.833	170	128
Detroit	3	1	.750	166	123
Green Bay	3	4	.429	178	172
Chicago	3	2	.600	155	108
West	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	3	0	.571	158	101
Seattle	3	0	.500	129	101
Arlington	2	4	.333	109	159
San Francisco	1	5	.167	105	159

## Sunday games

Miami 31, St. Louis 14
Detroit 28, N.Y. Giants 13
Baltimore 26, Buffalo 6
Jacksonville 27, Indianapolis 24
Tampa Bay 20, Chicago 7
San Diego 17, Carolina 6
Philadelphia 34, Cleveland 31, OT
Minnesota 20, Tennessee 3
New England 13, N.Y. Jets 7
Green Bay 41, Dallas 20
Arizona 25, Seattle 17
New Orleans 31, Oakland 26
Opp: Pittsburgh, Washington, San Francisco, Houston

## Monday's game

Cincinnati 23, Denver 10
Detroit at Dallas
Arizona at Buffalo
Cincinnati at Tennessee
Green Bay at Washington
Indianapolis at Houston
Indianapolis at Kansas City
Philadelphia at Philadelphia
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota
Atlanta at Seattle
Atlanta at Denver
Chicago at San Diego
New England at Pittsburgh
Chicago at Chicago
Opp: Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cleveland

## Monday, Nov. 1

Miami at N.Y. Jets
Arizona at Miami
Dallas at Cincinnati
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
New York Jets at Buffalo
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Oakland at Carolina
Washington at Detroit
Seattle at San Francisco
Chicago at New York Giants
New Orleans at San Diego
San Francisco at Baltimore
New England at St. Louis
Seattle at Dallas
Opp: Atlanta, Green Bay, Tennessee, Jacksonville

## Monday, Nov. 8

Minnesota at Indianapolis
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## Monday

Bengals 23, Broncos 10
Denver 17, 7-10-23

Denver	0	7	3	0-10
Cincinnati	7	6	7	3-23
<b>First Quarter</b>				
Cin—C. Johnson 50 pass from Palmer (Gra-				

Cin-C-FG Graham 53, 8:50
Den-B-Smith 3 pass from Plummer (Eliam kick), 9:11

Cin-C-FG Graham 34, 9:36
Den-B-Flem 25, 6:48

Cin-C-Ruohonen 50 run (Graham kick), 9:22
Cin-C-FG Graham 35, 7:31

First downs	Den	Cin
Total Net Yards	22	13

Run-Yards	26	183
Pass-Yards	1-2	33

Punting	4-22	3-25
Time of Possession	2:42	3:21

Kickoff Returns	5-68	3-64
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-46

Camp Att-Ins	23-42	22-21
Fumbles-Lost	3-26	1-10

Penalties	6-41	5-36
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0

Field Goals	8-58	5-52
Points	2-1	1-0

**Cincinnati**, Palmer 12-21-1-198.  
**Receiving—Denver**, Lelle 6-82, Smith 5-50,  
Watts 4-36, N.Jackson 4-33, Droughns 4-20.

Cincinnati: Palmer 22-211-198
Denver: Droughts 24-110, Smith 5-50, Watts 4-20, Jackson 4-31, Droughts 4-20, Cincinnati: Johnson 1-16, Williams 1-16, Washington 1-16, Kelly 1-14, Houshmandzadeh 1-1

Missed field goal-Denver, Eliam 49 (W.L.)
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# Johnson comes through for Bengals

## Star wideout sets tone early for Cincinnati

BY JOE KAY

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The ball was in the air and Champ Bailey was on the ground, watching Chad Johnson pull away with no one between him and the end zone.

Would the chastened receiver drop the ball the way he did so many times a week ago? Not a chance. Not with his reputation on the line. Not with a city's hopes on his fingertips.

Johnson's 50-yard touchdown catch gave the Cincinnati Bengals the gunption they needed to beat the Denver Broncos 23-10 in their long-awaited and somewhat dreaded return to "Monday Night Football."

"This was what we needed," said Johnson, who had seven catches for 149 yards.

Rarely has a franchise and a city needed so much from one game.

The Bengals (2-4) hadn't hosted a Monday night game in 15 years and hadn't even played in one since 1992, an exile that reflected their ineptitude. No other team had gone so long without appearing in the Monday night lineup.

As this one approached, a sense of dread festered. The crowd of 65,806 — the largest ever at Paul Brown Stadium — was hoping the last-place team wouldn't become another national embarrassment.

Quite the opposite. The Bengals (5-2) played the role of bumbler, failing to get what it needed out of the league's top running game and one of its very best defenses.

"We just didn't have it," said Reuben Droughts, who ran for 110 yards but fumbled and failed to convert short-yardage plays. "It seemed like they had more fight than us."

One play got the Bengals hyped for the upset.

Johnson ran right past Bailey,



Broncos receiver Ashley Lelie gets pulled down by Bengals cornerback Deltha O'Neal in the third quarter.

who stumbled and fell while the receiver pulled away for his 50-yard touchdown play midway through the first quarter. All it took was one play to get the Bengals believing.

"They believe in covering man-to-man and leading up to stop the run," said quarterback Carson Palmer, who was 12-20-21 for 198 yards. "We were counting on Chad, leaning on Chad to get open and catch balls downfield."

He did it all night, winning the marquee matchup of Pro Bowl receiver vs. Pro Bowl cornerback.

"I'm not afraid of any challenge," said Bailey, who has rarely been beaten so often. "I feel like I am the best. I don't care who it is out there."

He had trouble covering a re-

ceiver who was fighting self-doubt.

Johnson was coming off his most embarrassing game, a 34-17 loss in Cleveland that left the focus on him. Johnson had sent the Browns' defensive backs bottles of Pepto-Bismol in advance, teasing that they'd get sick trying to cover him. Instead, he had three harmless catches, three drops and a sick feeling himself. He was low-key all week, wondering how he could have such a bad game. On Monday, he made amends.

"I expect to do it," said Johnson, who had two 50-yard catches in the first half to set the tone. "That's why I was so bothered by last week. I'm glad I was able to bounce back after the horrible game I played last week."

The Broncos will be doing some soul-searching after this one.

The Bengals repeatedly gave them openings to rally, managing only three field goals out of five drives inside the 20-yard line.

Denver simply wasn't up to it. Jake Plummer threw two interceptions and was sacked three times. And a defense that ranked among the league's best in every category allowed Johnson to get open and Rudolph Johnson to run for 119 yards and a touchdown.

"They were ready for a big game," said Plummer, 23-for-40 for 221 yards.

And now, they're ready for another.

"Please come back before 2019 A.D.," a fan's sign belatedly to Monday night schedulers.

Request noted.

# Injured secondary is Packers' primary concern

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers must have to play at Washington this week with four starters in the secondary who weren't in the lineup last season.

Safety Darren Sharper and cornerback Al Harris sprained knees in Green Bay's win over Dallas on Sunday.

Sharper left in the second quarter with a frayed posterior cruciate ligament, a rare injury even in the NFL. A brace is on order and surgery has been ruled out, coach Mike Sherman said Monday.

Bhavohji Joe, who replaced Sharper on Sunday, would start in

his spot opposite newcomer Mark Roman if Sharper can't play against the Redskins.

Harris sprained the medial collateral ligament in his right knee in the second half but stayed in the game.

"We're going to rest it up and ice it and pray," he said.

If he can't play Sunday, the top options to start opposite left cornerback Ahmad Carroll are fellow rookies Joe Thomas and Jason Hoston.

Sharper was injured in the second quarter when he leaped to spike the ball away from receiver Keyshawn Johnson in the end zone and Johnson came down on top of him.

He limped to the locker room,

and an MRI on Monday confirmed a significant PCL, the knee's primary ligament for stability, which prevents the knee from bending backward. A complete tear of the ligament would have required reconstruction and up to a year of rehabilitation.

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Thomas made his debut in the dime defense Sunday and got extensive playing time once Sherman went out.

Sherman said Michael Hawthorne, who started the first five games at left cornerback before Carroll won the job, isn't as good an option to play Harris's spot on the right side.

"I think he believes, as we do, that his best position is at safety," Sherman said.

Quarterback Brett Favre also is injured with a sprained right hand, and his practice work will be limited this week, offensive coordinator Tom Rossley said.

The Packers (3-4) have their open date after facing Washington (2-4), but Sherman said that won't affect who suits up against the Redskins.

# Air Force Marathon champ won't double duty

BY RUSTY BRYAN  
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Jill Metzger's clearly not one to rest on her laurels.

Just 38 days after winning a second straight Air Force Marathon last month in Dayton, Ohio, Metzger left Germany on Tuesday for this Saturday's 29th annual U.S. Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Va.

Even by the up-tempo standards of today's military, the six-week break between the two races is the marathon equivalent of back-to-back missions.

"It wasn't planned that way in advance," Metzger, 31, said of her marathon-a-month schedule. "In August, a message came down from Air Force headquarters requesting people to represent the Air Force in the Marine Corps Marathon. Since I had won the Air Force Marathon the year before, I was kind of name-embodied in the request."

Metzger, who has run in 16 marathons, knew that running in both races would be tough. Her training has been limited by her 12-hour days as executive officer for the operations section of U.S. Air Forces in Europe war-fighting sub-component.

"I was torn at first," said Metzger, who added that she usually plans her training for an event a year in advance. "I knew I wasn't going to be as prepared as I should be."

In the end, however, her Air Force pride and her competitive juices tipped the balance.

"I'm going to do more than just run," she said. "I'm going to shoulder the responsibility of representing the Air Force and build relationships with runners from the other services."

And compete in a big-time event.



Photo courtesy of Spencer P. Lane

**Capt. Jill Metzger, an executive officer at U.S. Air Forces in Europe's operations section, won the Air Force Marathon in September and will run in this weekend's Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Va.**

"The Air Force Marathon is fairly new," Metzger said of the event she's dominated the past two years. "The Marine Corps event is much larger. It's a seasoned, mature event attractive to professional runners."

Although Metzger, who said she's never had any formal marathon coaching, is quick to stress that she's an amateur and not a professional, she's hoping the strong field will help her reach a goal she's set for Saturday.

"I'd like to go under three hours," said Metzger, who won at Dayton in 3:06.06.

Can she better that time just six weeks later?

"That's a pretty quick turnaround," said Leigh Flomman, who placed 27th in his age category at last year's Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii.

"But she won't have to worry about peaking at the right time. She'll have to depend on her high level of fitness."

Metzger is philosophical about the limited training regimen.

"If you're not ready a month before the race, you're not ready," she said. "I'm relying on my training over the past several months to see me through."

It's not as though she's never stacked races before.

"The shortest amount of time for me between marathons was one week," she said, recalling an astounding September in 2002.

In Sept. 2002, Metzger ran the Air Force Marathon, then turned around the following weekend to run the Berlin Marathon.

Metzger said she hopes her Air Force victory will serve as a slingshot for Saturday.

"When you're preparing for a marathon, there's more involved than just training," she said. "You have to reach a competitive level, usually by scheduling a race sometime before the event. The Air Force Marathon will help me achieve my competitive edge."

To Metzger, a former college soccer player at East Carolina University who didn't begin running seriously until commissioned in the Air Force eight years ago, competition is the staff of life.

"Once you get a taste of victory," said Metzger, who has won four marathons in her career, "it's like blood to a vampire. It feels so good it's almost like a drug. Once you get it, you want it again."

Metzger downplayed her chances, however, of tasting victory for a fifth time in her career this Saturday.

"I'm not shooting for first place," she said. "I'll try to be as competitive as possible."

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# Wary Red Sox fans brace for the worst

BOSTON — Not too giddy, now, all you members of Red Sox Nation.

Deep breath. Cowboy down. You immigrants, newly encoined in this deeply scarred territory, arriving by jam-packed handwagon, you don't know any better, of course. It just looked like a cool place to hang out, with all that energy and all that hair.

But all you native sons and daughters, the diehards who have spent their whole life on this hallowed turf, you folks with all those generational wounds to heal — like the guy carrying the sign outside Fenway Park Sunday that read, "Will Donate Semi-Healthy Liver For Tickets" — of all people, should know better.

Granted, that two-games-to-none lead over St. Louis, after Sunday's 6-2 victory at Fenway, looks awfully enticing, especially with Pedro Martinez ready to go on Tuesday again — hold your smirks — Jeff Suppan.

We all know that Pedro chews up the Jeff Suppan of the world and spits them out. He's their daddy. And when he runs out of gas at Busch Stadium, as he invariably does these days, they've got the indefatigable Keith Foulke just waiting to make it right.

The Red Sox seem touched by some higher power right now, and for once, it's a good thing.

They've got Curt Schilling pitching on the "inspirational miracle" installment plan. He was brilliant again Sunday, his ankle tendon jerry-rigged into shape long enough to work six nearly flawless innings, after he woke up Sunday morning convinced he couldn't pitch.

The Red Sox have Schilling to draw upon, "a man among kids," Johnny Damon said. The Sox have Mark Bellhorn, about to be inducted into the Unknown Hero Hall of Fame. They have David Ortiz being pitched around like he's the American League Barry Bonds — and for good reason. They've got Foulke breaking all of Tony La Russa's rules about using a closer for more than one inning.

It's so close now, you can almost taste the celebratory Sam Adams.

Larry Stone



Shoot, if the Red Sox can win the Cardinals twice while making four errors a game, just imagine what they can do if they remember to pack their gloves for the trip to St. Louis.

Wrong attitude. These are the Red Sox. This could just as easily be a setup for disaster as for triumph. Don't you know a trap when you see one? Have you forgotten your history so quickly, oh, deluded ones?

Teams can blow 2-0 leads. Heck, in 1986, the Red Sox won the first two games of the World Series against the Mets — in New York, no less — and if memory serves, that didn't end well.

Teams can even blow 3-0 leads, and do we need any further comment?

Right now, the Red Sox have the golden touch, which is amazing considering they've already made more boots than Tony Lama. Four it's a game is not exactly the patented formula for success.

Sunday, it was Bill Mueller playing the role of Manny Ramirez, committing not one, not two, but three errors, and living to tell the tale. Sure the field was slick, but the Red Sox are playing like the ball's been bathed in baby oil.

Said Damon, "We made some mistakes, but you know what? Big deal."

Danger, Nation, danger. Now's not the time for the Red Sox to go all cocksure on you. Oh, they said all the right things in the victorious clubhouse about learning their lesson in the Yankees series, that it ain't over till it's over. But saying it and embracing it are two different things.

Yeah, the Red Sox Cardinals are frazzled and desperate, needing nothing less than a major upgrade and/or a Red Sox collapse to save them.

In other words, got 'em right where they want 'em.

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# Cardinals set to nest

## Return to Busch changes St. Louis' outlook

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Players were back in shirt sleeves, and many of the 96 arches atop Busch Stadium were lit by the late-afternoon sun as the Red Sox took batting practice.

It sure wasn't Boston.

It was 78 degrees when the Red Sox worked out Monday in St. Louis' 130-foot high, cookie-cutter ballpark. That was 28 degrees higher than the temperature back in Boston, where the Red Sox won Games 1 and 2 of the World Series last weekend.

Boston's quirky Fenway Park, opened in 1912, has its idiosyncrasies: the Green Monster in left, the triangle in center, the Pesky Pole in right, the Cask 'n' Flagon behind The Wall.

Busch Stadium is boring, 330 feet down each foul line, 372 to left and right, 402 feet to center, the 8-foot padded green fence topped by a yellow stripe all the way around. But behind the left-field seats is Eero Saarinen's 630-foot high, stainless steel Gateway Arch, opened in 1967, a year after the ballpark.

And the visiting manager's office has two pictures of Babe Ruth, whose sale by the Red Sox to the Yankees in 1920 may or may not have started The Curse.

Grass replaced artificial turf in 1996, and a hand-operated scoreboard with adjacent flags commemorating the team's World Series titles and retired numbers was erected on much of the outfield upper deck the following year.

This ballpark once was a state-of-the-art tribute to modernism.

Now it leaks and is so outmoded that the Cardinals plan to knock it down in 2006 and move to a new \$387 million, 46,000-seat Busch Stadium that is rising behind the outfield and first-base seats.

"They really did a great job turning this from one of those bowls, cookie-cutter stadiums, into a great stadium," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I really love this stadium."

So do the Cardinals.

St. Louis was 53-28 at Busch during the regular season, the best home record in the National League, and is 6-0 there during the postseason.

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The Gateway Arch rises out of left field at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, the site of Games 3-5 of the World Series.

## Bengals earn a prime rate



Bengals Brian Simmons and Caleb Miller (58) converge on Broncos running back Reuben Droughns during the third quarter, Cincinnati won 23-10 in the first Monday night game it has hosted in 15 years, using big plays by receiver Chad Johnson to set the tone. See story on Page 37.



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